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working to
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better
leaders**

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What about your mark? Will you be proud?

I'm on a flight from London to Los Angeles. We left two hours late. We're hitting head winds. It's going to be a long night.

With the lights off and everyone else asleep, it's a perfect time to catch up on paperwork and email. Maybe I'll even tweet Archie.

Every few days I receive a status report from our Headquarters Staff in Richmond. From Day One, I asked that they include the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Fortunately, most of it is good.

At chapters across the country, our brothers are leaving their mark by welcoming more new brothers than ever before. Their GPAs are up, their resumes are impressive, and they are all great guys.

So far...in my visits to chapters in California and Washington, D.C., I've met many of these future SigEps who we all will be proud to call brother. Quite a few are here because they heard about something called a Balanced Man Scholarship. And their first big event at their new school is a Balanced Man Scholarship Dinner. They were both impressed and impressive.

To our really smart chapters, they know that it doesn't matter if they are BMP...or non-BMP. Either way...the Balanced Man Scholarships and the Balanced Man Dinner have become a great program to meet incoming students, recognize new scholars, and recruit outstanding brothers.

As part of my welcome to our Fraternity, I often share our history as leading the way in diversity, scholarship, sound mind, sound body, and living a balanced life. I tell them about SigEps willing to be different, to go against the tide, and to have the courage and conviction to stand behind their decisions. And as I share that history, I can always feel the room swell with pride as I list the controversial subjects that SigEp has dealt with, embraced, and championed.

As I tell them...I also remind myself...we have some pretty big shoes to fill.

Sometimes I wonder if twenty years from now, SigEps will look back at this era and swell with pride at the steps we are taking. Will they brag about our innovations in

housing, in truly embracing diversity, in finally eliminating hazing, in partnering with higher education, in welcoming volunteers, in engaging modern communication, in having a positive impact on our world, in being balanced leaders?

Will they brag that we not only took credit for the good but also took responsibility for the bad and the ugly? Will they brag that we finally acknowledged that we have some problem children and finally resolved our differences with obnoxious frat boys who make us cringe when we read the morning paper? Or will they be embarrassed because we couldn't wait for the story to fade away?

Will they be proud that we built on the foundation left to us by Ruck, and McCleary, and Carlson, and White, and Tragos, and so many more?

I wonder if they'll look back and think we really left our mark.

And I wonder what they'll think about you?

What about you?

Will you look back with pride at your Sig Ep Experience?

Will you be proud that you left your chapter stronger?

Will you be proud that you left your chapter with a better GPA, a diverse membership, a Residential Learning Community, brothers who will be your friends for the rest of your life and traditions that you will be honored to share with your son?

Will you be proud to tell your kids what you did in your Fraternity? That you took the wealth of riches available to you and ran with them; that you became a man, a balanced man?

The programs are there.

The resources are there.

Take them.

Run with them.

Leave your mark.

And next flight...I hope to find your name in the file marked "Good."

GARRY KIEF
Grand President



See Garry Kief's
Grand President
acceptance speech at
www.sigepconclave.com.

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Brother responds to Connecticut closing article*

Dear Chris:

While our paths may have crossed only briefly on campus, your article rekindled my own passionate feelings about brotherhood and the deep feelings of despair that came with the closing of my chapter—your chapter—at Connecticut.

I won't speculate about the events after my graduation, but everyone can see the lasting effects of bad decisions, misjudgments, and in retrospect, the mismanagement that must have marked the last several years. I feel compelled to blame someone, some people, or some institution for our problems. While many have played a role in this saga, I blame myself and my brothers, more than any other group, for this tragedy. Why? Because we knew better. We invented "knowing better" on the Storrs Campus.

After leading consecutive 100-man chapters, winning two Buchanan Cups, multiple Greek Weeks and a slew of other accolades, something happened. We graduated, often with multiple opportunities on Wall Street, in engineering or in banking. It was a completely different time, a completely different place. And we felt BIG. In our hubris, we assumed

that our past would be prologue for our younger brothers. In the smallest parts of our mind, we assumed that the gravitational pull of the road we had followed would be so strong as to cast a spell on the brothers who would follow. Same Fraternity. Same values. Same aspirations. Same opportunities. No other outcome possible.

What idiots we were. What an idiot I am. What a narcissistic and naïve bunch of 22-year-olds. With a few remarkable exceptions (giant names that you'd know if you were there), we didn't pay attention to what was going on behind us. We couldn't find the time to get fully involved, give young brothers the benefit of our experiences; we couldn't understand why they might have a different point of view. Our way was proven. It worked, so it must be right.

Chris, your article is brilliant in the lessons that it tries to teach and brilliant in its attempt to save others from this fate. The demise of this once great, once dominant, once right-minded, once welcoming, once proud institution of brotherhood and growth is a real-life example of how alumni can radically change the lives of others. I'll never know who I might have helped or in what way that might have made the world just a little better place. My alumni brothers (stellar exceptions aside) and I failed in our mission to serve and guide the brothers behind us. That disappointment will be with many of us forever. Thank you for writing about it.

RICHARD VOGEL, Connecticut '87

* *Lessons from Pericles and Lincoln: An oration for SigEp at Connecticut* by Chris Albert in Spring 2009, page 20.



Richard Vogel, Connecticut '87

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Michael Lembach, Northern Colorado '65

Fundraising steps work wonders

You are going to love this, I suspect.

The spring edition of the *Journal* was excellent as usual.

The story that captured my imagination was on the chapter that raised \$400,000+ to fund ongoing endowments of \$20,000 per annum, probably in perpetuity. I was amazed at the simple numbers involved and saved it in my "great ideas" file.

I attended a heated board meeting of my financially struggling lawn bowling club, where I serve as a financial advisor. The 80-year-old Kensington Bowling Club, like many in Sydney, is faced with declining membership, falling revenues, and increasing liabilities for deferred maintenance, as well as higher ongoing operating costs; yet the club is loved by its 100 active members, myself included.

I recalled the three-step fundraising process and did some quick calculations. If we could convince 60 of our group to commit \$25 a month for 36 months, as the SigEp endowment process defines it, the club would raise some \$54,000. We could meet our impending liabilities and have a few dollars to spare.

The "boys on the board" were ecstatic when I proposed this.

So, yet another benefit has been derived from my nearly 50-year association with the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon. I am delighted and very thankful that I make it a practice to read the *Journal* from cover to cover.

MICHAEL LEMBACH, Northern Colorado '65

Tourette's: What Makes You Tic?



Marc Elliot, Washington in St. Louis '08



Online Journal Extras!

Throughout the *Journal*, you'll see this icon that lets you know about online extras from the *Journal* at www.sigep.org/journal. Keep an eye out for it. Here's an example: Marc Elliot, Washington in St. Louis '08, is on a mission. He has Tourette's syndrome, a neurological condition that causes him to twitch and make sounds he can't control. He has been speaking across the country on tolerance and acceptance, and he shared his story at the Orlando Conclave. Link to an amazing 10-minute documentary about his experience and his message on www.sigep.org/journal. Look for "What makes you tic?"

A father appreciates how SigEp has helped his son grow

Richard Russell, father of Sean Russell, Evansville '09, and a member of Phi Kappa Tau, wrote to Interim Executive Director Doug Scheibe about his son's SigEp experience. An excerpt is below:

I am writing this letter for the benefit of all prospective parents who may have doubts about their son pledging a fraternity, and particularly, Sigma Phi Epsilon. I have watched my son mature and grow into a well rounded, level headed young adult. In his initial weeks at college in 2005, he met several SigEp brothers and started the formal rush period, choosing SigEp over Phi Kappa Tau and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He totally embraced the Fraternity

and immediately began assuming leadership roles for various projects, eventually being elected Vice President in 2008.

I have met many of the brothers at this chapter and have one common thought about this group—they genuinely like each other in spite of their differences, and they get along very well. I have attended some of their functions and always felt welcome and, in fact, part of their brotherhood. My own chapter of Phi Kappa Tau recently had their 40th anniversary, and my own brothers were struck by the SigEps' caring attitude toward me and my friends who

attended the ceremonies. We were sitting by ourselves at the basketball game, making noise of course, and the SigEps came up to us, made us follow them to sit in the student section, and we cheered together as the Aces won the game.

You hear about all the bad things in Greek life. I am very impressed with this chapter and am very proud to call my son a SigEp alumni. His experience was outstanding, and I wish to thank your organization for living up to your ideals and providing an excellent environment for student growth and success. I am sure he will continue his brotherly ties in his life and will always wear the skull and cross bones with pride.

RICHARD RUSSELL



Richard, left, and Sean Russell

"I wish to thank your organization for living up to your ideals and providing an excellent environment for student growth and success."



Left to right: Texas Alpha Brothers Michael Cosby, '07, Graham McCall, '07, Jason DeVinny, '07, and Charlie Johns '07, became a band of brothers against DeVinny's testicular cancer. His mom is grateful and believes their support sustained her son through the battle.

Brotherhood helps son bear and survive cancer

To Erin Mullally:

My response to your article entitled "Two brothers survive testicular cancer," in Fall 2008 is late. My son, Jason DeVinny, Texas-Austin '07, was diagnosed with testicular cancer in January of 2008. Jason lived with Brad Neff, '05, and Ryan Puckett, '05, in Denver. The guys had played football on New Year's Day and Jason felt a soreness in his testicle. The next day he went to the emergency room in Boulder, Colorado and was diagnosed with the "Big C". He had the testicle removed and had 20 chemotherapy sessions to kill a lymph node in his stomach. The great news is, 17 months later, he continues to test "cancer free."

My idea of responding to you was your article (*Two Brothers Survive Testicular Cancer*, p. 6) is about brotherhood. As the chemo affected his hair loss, Brad and Ryan shaved their heads to match Jason. Both guys were very supportive of Jason in the four-month ordeal. Other brothers came to see him and were in constant contact. The tremendous outpouring of support from the SigEps was very important in Jason's recovery.

It is so important for these guys to do a self check just like women do a breast check. Thanks so much.

CAROL DEVINNY

Army captain credits SigEp for "best leadership training"

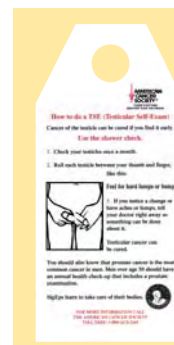
William G. Tragos, Washington in St. Louis '56 wrote to Mason Ward, Cincinnati '06, to thank him for his donation earmarked for the Tragos Quest to Greece. In the excerpt below, Mason responds and explains what inspired him to make his pledge.



Bill,
I appreciate you taking the time to write this note.

I think my coming back to the States after spending eight months in Afghanistan has motivated me to donate more than anything. What the last eight months has proven to me is the worth that my

fraternity experience in SigEp, as well as the Leadership Continuum, has given me in my



Sigma Phi Epsilon continues to encourage undergraduates and alumni to perform a monthly self exam for testicular cancer. For more information on how to perform the exam, go to the Testicular Cancer Resource Network at www.tc-cancer.com/selfexam.html.

career leading Soldiers in combat. SigEp's experience has helped me save countless lives and lead my men safely and proudly. I tell my men often that the best leadership training I ever received that I employ in combat was not in military training, but as chapter president of my Fraternity. Motivating men to do things they do want to or think they are capable of...that is what a chapter president and Infantry Platoon Leader do. No doubt my experience will be worth many more of my donations into the future as well.

The references to the Greeks in your email were great, in particular, "they never believed they should just hide away and think, Aristotle demanded action from their smart thinking." I am an action man myself, and couldn't have put it better myself. I hope that I may continue to represent Sigma Phi Epsilon through action of leading men in our Army.

MASON WARD, Cincinnati '06



Red Door Notes

The red door on SigEp chapter houses started at Syracuse University in 1928. While not the only factor in a high performing chapter, well appointed chapter facilities establish the foundation for creating the right experience through efforts like the Balanced Man Program and Residential Learning Communities.

Vermont Gamma— University of Vermont



Vermont's snow-covered facade is fitting for this historic house.

- Vermont Gamma recently received and installed a Preservation Burlington Historic Building Marker indicating that the house was built in 1881-1882. The local marble industrialist who built it installed many magnificent marble fireplaces. The house is located in Burlington's historic district two blocks from thriving downtown Burlington, Vermont's largest city, and two blocks from the university's campus green.
- The chapter has 41 undergraduates and enjoyed a successful new member program for the academic year. Twenty members will live in the house in fall 2009.
- From the cupola of the house are beautiful views of Lake Champlain and the Adirondack mountains in New York.
- The Alumni and Volunteer Corporation (AVC), revitalized in the past year, includes **Brian Bertsch, '02, John Broscius, '04, Ryan Cook, '02, Tom Donohue, '66, Ken McGuckin, '66, Steve Waltien, '70, and Jared Waite, '01.**
- The AVC is undertaking two improvement projects to the house: refurbishment of the downstairs chapter/piano rooms and renovation of the upstairs bathroom.
- Vermont, chartered in 1791, is the fifth oldest university in New England.

Florida Beta—Stetson University



Natural light, sturdy seating and small meeting space make this setting ideal for academic and chapter work.

- The house, owned by the university, was renovated along with all Greek housing on campus last year. Members of SigEp took advantage of this opportunity to markedly improve their facility and moved in for the spring semester.
- The project cost \$40,000 beyond the university's basic renovation, half of which was dedicated to a Residential Learning Community (RLC) space. The Educational Foundation committed \$8,000 for the project, with an additional \$4,000 available if the chapter met certain benchmarks. Chapter alumni donated at least \$7,000 for the cause and the chapter withdrew \$17,850 from their Chapter Investment Fund to cover the rest. Stetson tapped into multiple sources for funding.
- SigEp was the only fraternal organization allowed to alter their renovation blueprints from the university's "cookie cutter" design. This gave the chapter the ability to section off a portion of their main common room as residential learning space.
- The renovated educational space includes a study area and faculty fellow space for their newly recruited faculty volunteer, Dr. Elizabeth Heins.
- The chapter has also made significant strides in volunteer recruitment and recently gained a chapter counselor and Balanced Man steward.

Massachusetts Alpha—University of Massachusetts



Soup's on in the new industrial kitchen at Massachusetts

- Over the past three years, Massachusetts has undergone several phased renovations including the bathrooms, windows and other facility repairs costing about \$300,000.
- In the past year, exciting additions have been completed to a new study room and kitchen/dining room facility.
- The study room, funded by a grant from the Educational Foundation and with the help of a few parents, was completed last April. It has six individual work spaces, which create the best environment for brothers to study and complete school assignments.
- A center conference table enables brothers to collaborate on projects, the executive board and committees to meet, or alumni to present. An overhead projector, wireless internet and wireless printer provide the technology for these group activities.
- The original kitchen and dining room were demolished and renovations were completed last September, representing the largest project to date. The modern kitchen allows the chapter chef to prepare meals and provides plenty of room for storage.
- The dining room has a built-in serving line and drink station with seating for 80.
- A breakfast nook provides brothers with a place to make breakfast and enjoy leftovers on weekends.

East Carolina members escape house fire

By MIKE UPCHURCH, East Carolina '89

Fraternity Fire: frightening words that can lead to tragic outcomes if you aren't prepared. In the case of East Carolina, all students survived a fire that completely destroyed one of two facilities owned by the chapter.

At approximately 6:20 a.m., on January 30, 2009, neighbor David Perry was enjoying his morning walk when he noticed smoke billowing out of the porch area of the "back house," and immediately alerted the residents. By 6:23 a.m., the fire alarm system, hard-wired to the university and Greenville city safety systems, was blaring.

As terrified students tried to escape the smoke and flames, some could only jump from second story windows.

Perry helped guide them through the smoke as they attempted to land on the hoods of cars to break their fall. In less than five minutes, 13 students

escaped; they had no time to save anything but the clothes they were wearing. They lost a beloved pet dog, all of their possessions in the house, and three cars that were parked near the building. By 6:27 a.m. the Greenville fire department was on the scene and spent four hours extinguishing the blaze. The fire has been ruled accidental and electrical in nature.

Thanks to the amazing community response, all students had living arrangements within a few days. East Carolina, the Red Cross, Interfraternity Conference, students and alumni have worked together to supply clothing, textbooks and other necessities. The students must replace their laptops and personal belongings. Chapter President Ryan Harris, '10, was quoted in the *Daily Reflector* the day of the fire: "Right now, everybody is in shock. I think it will



Out of the ashes, East Carolina's new, improved chapter facility was rebuilt by the start of this academic year.

take some time for them to absorb everything. We'll take it all one step at a time."

The Alumni and Volunteer Corporation worked with many alumni, undergraduates, the Greenville Historical Preservation Commission and others to rebuild the house. According to board member Matt Chance, '88, "Thanks to the broad support we received and focused diligence, the back house was rebuilt and ready for students to occupy in time for the fall 2009 semester. An unexpected benefit is that having a brand new house attracted a lot of interest, and we had the largest



The house and its contents were completely destroyed while its inhabitants escaped injury. A passing neighbor saved the day.

new member group on campus this fall."

David Perry, a teacher at J.H. Rose High School, continues to walk by the site daily, no doubt musing that his timing turned an otherwise ordinary day into his opportunity to save lives.

"Thanks to the broad support we received and focused diligence, the back house was rebuilt and ready for students to occupy in time for the fall 2009 semester." ~ MATT CHANCE, '88

Preventing tragedy

Ensure you have a hardwired alarm. Ours allowed firefighters to be on the scene in four minutes and the occupants to escape in less than five minutes.

Have an escape plan and equipment. Two escape ladders were available and each room had designated escape plans, however some could not follow the plan because the fire was blocking the route. As a result of the fire, the university will require all

fraternity and sorority houses to submit a written evacuation and fire life safety plan annually. You should have one. Include contingencies if escape routes are blocked.

Practice the plan. The chapter conducted bi-annual fire drills, however in the aftermath of the fire, the university is now mandating four drills per year with fire department personnel present during the first drill. Conduct your drills at various times of day.

Conduct a fire safety inspection. This is required and conducted by city fire officials in Greenville and is usually performed as the fall semester begins. An inspection can help you identify risks such as overloaded circuits and blocked escape routes.

Check your insurance. The rules vary by state; however the Fraternity's policy generally only covers the structure. For personal contents coverage, students should check their parents' home

owner's policy to see if they have coverage and obtain renter's insurance if it doesn't exist. An unfortunate impact of the fire is that most of the residents will have to replace laptops, clothing and all other personal items out of their pockets.

Install a sprinkler system. North Carolina mandated that all dorms have sprinklers in place by 2012, and most universities have established similar policies for fraternity and sorority houses. East

Carolina is mandating installation by 2013 or the organization will not be recognized. These rules are the result of a 1996 fire at North Carolina's Phi Gamma Delta house that sadly resulted in five deaths. The chapter is slated to have its system in place by this summer. Simply put, sprinklers save lives.

Generate some good luck. David Perry might not have walked by that day, the university and community response could have been tem-

pered; but somehow things worked out well. The house is in a residential neighborhood, and the chapter has worked for many years to build neighbor and community support. Get to know your neighbors, be a good steward of your property, and excel at citizenship in the local community. Brothers received tremendous support, partly because of their good reputation and history of community service.

What's your plan in case of fire?

Feet first: Before you ramp up running, treat your feet

By JOHN BRUMMER, DPM, SUNY-Stony Brook '95



Dr. John Brummer, DPM, SUNY-Stony Brook '95, is a podiatric surgeon and a Fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. Brummer has competed in several marathons and is training for the New York City triathlon.

Fall is the perfect time to indulge in the great outdoors. We will run on our favorite trails or neighborhood streets. Before pounding the pavement, consider your feet and what they need to perform at an optimum level and remain injury free.

Shoe sense

A basic running shoe is versatile for many running surfaces and has an approximate lifespan of 500 miles if you use the shoe for running only. Once it loses support and cushioning properties, you are more prone to injury. Most runners train on pavement or well manicured trails which easily accommodate a road training shoe.

Assuring adequate fit is vital. Visit a local running store where sales staff, who are likely to be experienced runners, measure your foot and assess your foot and ankle functionality. One place to look is the Store Locator at www.runnersworld.com.

Wait until the end of your day to try on any footwear. During the day, feet begin to swell, which best represents what happens during your runs. Because of swelling, regular long distance runners (three to six miles) should buy about a half size larger. However, too much room can cause excessive friction leading to blisters.

General shoe types

About 90% of consumers find the right shoe in one of these two categories.

Neutral Cushioned Shoes –Maximum cushioning, minimum arch-side support. Best for runners with moderate to high arches.

Stability Shoes –For runners who need arch-side support and good midsole cushioning and want to address moderate pronation.

Specialty shoe types

Motion Control Shoes – For overpronators. Also suited for big or heavy runners with very low arches.

Performance Training Shoes –A light, well-balanced shoe suitable for racing, speed work, or daily training. Best suited for fast, efficient runners. Can be a complement to an everyday training shoe.

Don't forget socks!

A good sock is breathable, will not bunch in the shoe, and features a wicking fabric aimed at drawing moisture away from the foot. "No show" socks have become popular in gyms; be careful to choose one that will not slip into the shoe over the course of a long run.

Stretch factor

Whether you are a long-time distance runner, a weekend warrior or someone committed to routine maintenance for cardiovascular health, you must stretch. Warming up is vital to increase blood flow to the extremities and raise body temperature prior to activity. Individual stretching routines should incorporate static stretches where you hold a particular position for 30 seconds. Most running injuries are avoidable with good static stretching. Injury-prone areas such as the Achilles tendon and the plantar fascia are important and can be addressed with a simple calf stretching exercise. Athletes should stretch for at least 10 minutes before their activity.



If you get injured, seek medical attention and remember R.I.C.E.

- Rest
- Ice
- Compress
- Elevate

Pain on the pavement

While running, you can experience a wide array of problems and discomfort, which may include:

- Tightness on the top of the instep, commonly caused by the laces tied too tight.
- Dull pains on the top of the feet, which can be stress fractures from increasing your mileage too quickly.
- Tight heel cords and lower extremity musculature can lead to overuse injuries such as plantar fasciitis and Achilles tendonitis, which can be avoided by stretching and starting off slowly.

Some experts claim that dynamic stretching, which takes place while the body is in motion doing things like jumping jacks or lunges, will increase power, flexibility and range of motion. Immediately prior to exercise, athletes should consider some dynamic stretching to loosen up tendons and tissues and increase blood flow. Cooling down during and after athletic activity should include a shorter stretching routine depending on your sport.



For more details, link to **Stretching: The Truth, New York Times, 10/31/08, online at www.sigep.org/journal.**

Residential Learning Community at Oklahoma State: Beyond the “sizzle”

By **RYAN MCCAVITT**, Miami (Florida) '07

Advertising experts often speak of *steak* and *sizzle*. But they aren't talking about food. They instead use the analogy to mean that the “steak” is the product and the “sizzle” is the buzz surrounding it.

Former advertising executive and Grand President, **William G. Tragos, Washington in St. Louis '56**, referred to this analogy in his revered “Beyond Phi Beta Kappa” speech at the 1999 Grand Chapter Conclave in Chicago. “Let's start by expecting more of ourselves,” said Tragos. “Let's work not on the sizzle, but the steak—the product we offer young America.”

In striving to go beyond Phi Beta Kappa, Brother Tragos challenged Conclave attendees to create within their chapters “a pro-academic, pro-intellectual atmosphere that goes beyond the pursuit of the diploma or grade point—that seeks to expand the horizon of the mind, helping you to your best expression of yourself.”

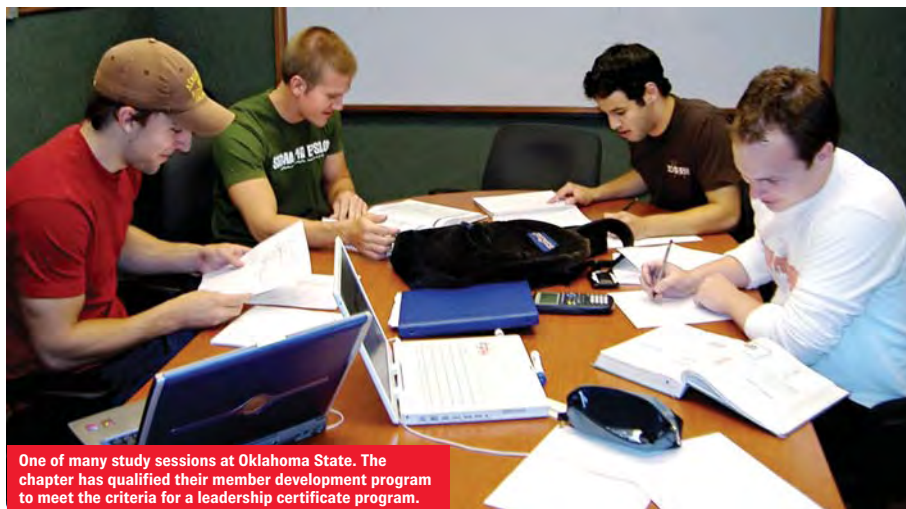
“Educated men are as much superior to uneducated men as the living are to the dead.”

~ ARISTOTLE

These concepts led to the birth of the Residential Learning Community program. Ten years later, the program now boasts over 35 accredited chapters with an average member GPA of 3.12 and an average manpower of 77. These numbers, however, are just the sizzle. What is the *steak*? What impact can RLCs have on our undergraduate brothers in the future?

Partnering with your university

College students can earn credit for a wide variety of activities: a class in biology, an internship with a financial firm, or playing in the marching band. Our brothers at Oklahoma State have found a way to earn college credit through participation in their chapter's development program.



One of many study sessions at Oklahoma State. The chapter has qualified their member development program to meet the criteria for a leadership certificate program.

The men of Oklahoma Alpha RLC have been pushing innovation within Greek life on their campus since their chapter came back to Stillwater in 2004. In just three years, before they received their charter in fall 2007, the chapter formed a dynamic partnership with the Leadership Certificate Program on their campus.

The typical requirements for this certificate include six hours of course work, six hours of field experience, six hours of elective projects, and 40 hours of community service. Since the chapter incorporates aspects of field experience, projects, and community service into their member development program, the university allowed members to use their chapter experience in lieu of these requirements.

“Our brothers' commitment to a positive environment, enabling great strides in personal development, is unparalleled by any other Greek organization at Oklahoma State University,” wrote Chapter President **Jesse Hollingsworth, '09**, in the chapter's RLC accreditation application. “Oklahoma Alpha strives day to day to change the view on fraternal life by truly being different. Our brothers are known all across campus for being men of great character. This is a direct result of not only recruiting great men, but also of continuing to make them better during their undergraduate days.”

Beyond gaining college credit for members' experience, the chapter has taken its university partnership one step further by recruiting the university's vice president of student affairs to become its faculty fellow. The results of its hard work? Oklahoma Alpha recently increased its membership to 94 men who continue to excel in the classroom with a 3.21 GPA, nearly four-tenths of a point higher than Oklahoma State's All-Campus Average.

For its efforts, Oklahoma Alpha was among three exemplary SigEp chapters recognized with RLC accreditations at the start of the spring 2009 semester (the other two were Indiana and Austin Peay).

The young men of these three chapters are beacons in one of the fraternity world's most innovative personal development programs. In the process, they have transformed their own undergraduate experience from a simple *sirloin* into an extraordinary *filet mignon*, and the sizzle took care of itself.

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Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse



Fall 2008 national GPA is highest for a fall semester

SigEp chapters are continuing to break academic records and set new, higher standards each semester, inching SigEp closer to its goal of a 3.15 national member GPA. Our fall 2008 academic performance broke a new fall record with a 3.05 national member GPA—based on 224 or 89% of chapters reporting by August 27, 2009. Sixty-eight chapters or 30% earned their way into the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse. The most chapters in the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse is 82 from spring 2007, and the highest GPA of 3.08 was reached for spring 2008.

Though fall academic performance usually trails the spring, SigEp is expecting to see bigger improvements in the future. The 2009 Grand Chapter Conclave saw the adoption of two resolutions aimed at setting new academic standards for SigEp members and chapters. These resolutions have increased the GPA standard for membership from 2.4 to 2.6 by fall 2011. SigEp will also require chapters to achieve a GPA at or above their local campus All-Men's GPA, or 2.60, whichever is greater, by spring 2013. By raising the bar for chapter and member academic performance, SigEp will advance its academic goals and remain the academic leader in the fraternal world.

Fall '08 GPA for 244 Chapters reporting: **3.05**

SCHOOL NAME	FALL '08 GPA	CHAPTER RANK	2008 MANPOWER
1. Yale	3.6	n/a	77
2. Rochester	3.55	n/a	40
3. Northwestern	3.5	3/17	102
4. Duke	3.49	5/13	63
5. Washington in St. Louis	3.49	4/12	90
6. Illinois*	3.49	1/46	183
7. Nebraska*	3.48	3/24	119
8. Dartmouth	3.47	2/14	102
9. Indiana*	3.45	1/36	86
10. Richmond*	3.43	1/6	75
11. Maine*	3.43	1/16	54
12. Georgetown	3.43	1/1	79
13. Emory	3.41	5/15	25
14. Columbia	3.39	5/12	39
15. American	3.38	1/10	42
16. Florida	3.38	4/25	140
17. Nebraska-Kearney	3.38	2/5	55
18. Miami (Florida)	3.37	2/12	90
19. Ohio State *	3.36	3/31	100
20. Washington	3.36	2/30	63
21. Stevens Tech*	3.35	1/10	58
22. Washington and Lee	3.35	3/14	23
23. Michigan	3.34	4/27	95
24. California-Berkeley	3.33	9/37	47
25. Tufts	3.33	n/a	57
26. Maryland-College Park*	3.33	3/24	72
27. Lawrence	3.31	2/5	28
28. Quinnipiac	3.3	1/2	76
29. UCLA	3.3	7/14	82
30. Pennsylvania	3.3	17/29	50
31. Minnesota*	3.3	3/26	48
32. Babson	3.3	1/4	46
33. North Dakota*	3.29	1/12	50
34. Toledo*	3.29	1/9	71
35. George Washington	3.28	1/15	92
36. Villanova	3.28	2/9	62
37. Delaware	3.27	3/22	88
38. Johns Hopkins	3.27	4/10	77
39. Lehigh*	3.27	1/18	71
40. Davidson	3.26	2/9	78
41. Loyola Marymount	3.25	1/6	114
42. New York	3.24	5/14	23
43. Georgia	3.23	6/26	115
44. Drake*	3.23	1/8	90
45. Murray State	3.23	1/13	78
46. San Diego	3.22	2/5	56
47. Clarion of Pennsylvania	3.22	1/4	12
48. Oregon State*	3.22	1/24	79
49. Texas Christian	3.22	n/a	133
50. Case Western Reserve	3.21	6/19	51
51. Oklahoma State*	3.21	3/20	78
52. Saint Louis	3.2	1/11	94
53. Austin Peay State*	3.2	1/6	46
54. Southern Methodist*	3.2	2/9	56
55. Texas-Austin	3.2	3/23	171
56. Kentucky Wesleyan	3.18	1/3	25
57. Miami (Ohio)*	3.18	2/27	127
58. Cincinnati*	3.18	4/20	93
59. WPI	3.18	n/a	66
60. Cornell	3.18	34/46	42
61. Denison	3.17	4/6	52
62. Washburn*	3.17	1/4	26
63. Bucknell	3.17	7/12	87
64. James Madison	3.17	1/15	44
65. Southern California	3.16	16/21	37
66. Southeast Missouri State*	3.16	1/9	83
67. Rutgers	3.16	4/22	74
68. Pepperdine	3.15	1/4	43

Key: 3.5 GPA Phi Beta Kappa Standard
 *Residential Learning Community
Italics Denotes a Sigma Epsilon chapter
2009 SigEp Champion

Don't see your chapter listed? Please verify and e-mail your chapter's official campus grade report or a completed Academic Verification to academics@sigep.net. This form is available at www.sigep.org/documents/academic-verification.pdf.

Doing the math*

109 of 224 chapters reporting have a GPA above 3.00 (49%)

15 of 224 chapters reporting have a GPA below 2.60 (7%)

3.12 AII-RLC Member GPA (32 chapters reporting)

68 of 224 chapters reporting earned a 3.15 GPA or higher (30%)

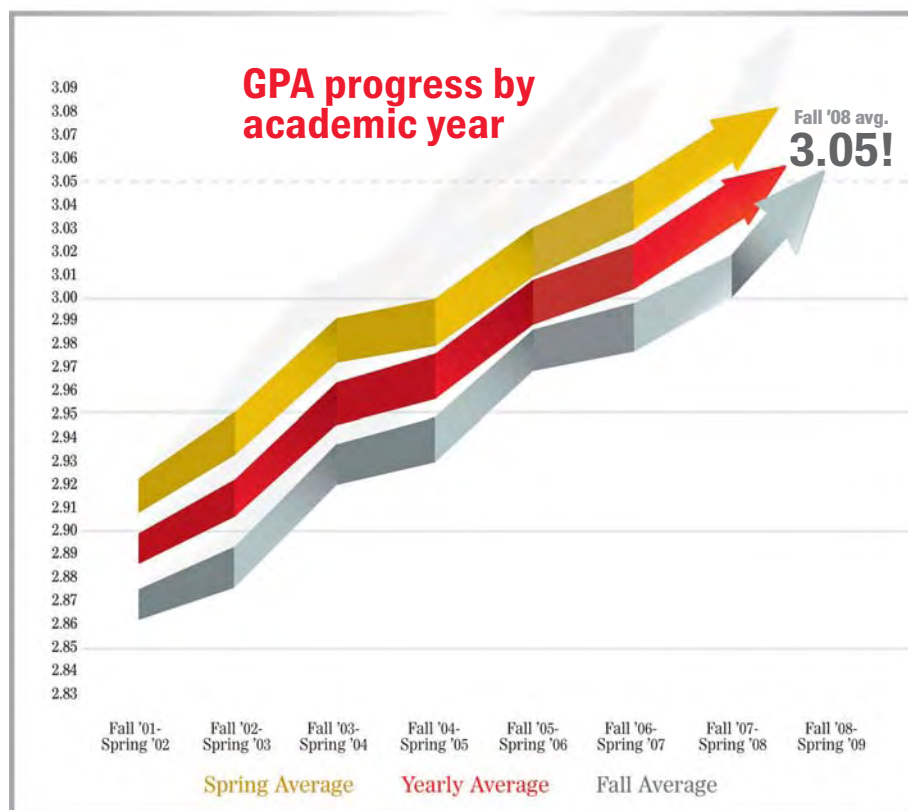
59 of 209 chapters reporting are #1 on campus (28%)

93 of 193 chapters reporting have a GPA above the All-Campus Average (48%)

3.00 AII-BMP Member GPA (178 chapters)

2.90 AII-Pledging Member GPA (46 chapters)

* All GPAs rounded to the nearest hundredth percent

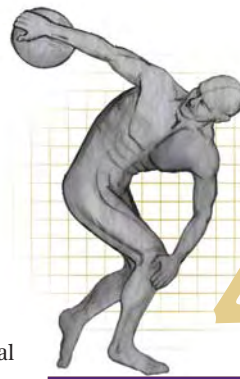




46 chapters crowned intramural champion on their campus

The following chapters reported they won their respective intramural league at the end of the Spring 2009 semester. This year-end ranking provides a snapshot of which chapters dominated their competition. Schools in red also have reached the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse for fall '08 (see page 8). These chapters have made the commitment to Sound Mind and Sound Body and our cardinal principles through their virtuous and diligent pursuit of perfection in the classroom and on the field. See your school on the list?

What's ahead? In the next issue, the *Journal* will recognize the mid-season intramural leaders.



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Current Intramural Champions

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| 1. American | 29. Ohio Wesleyan |
| 2. Arkansas Tech | 30. Oregon State* |
| 3. Ball State | 31. Pittsburg State |
| 4. Barton | 32. Quinnipiac |
| 5. Bucknell | 33. Rider |
| 6. CalPoly-Pomona | 34. Salisbury |
| 7. Central Missouri | 35. San Diego State |
| 8. Colorado State | 36. South Carolina |
| 9. Drake* | 37. Southern Mississippi |
| 10. Eastern Washington* | 38. Stevens Tech* |
| 11. Elon | 39. Texas A and M-Corpus Christi |
| 12. Evansville | 40. Texas Christian |
| 13. Florida | 41. Texas-Arlington |
| 14. Florida International | 42. Toledo* |
| 15. Huntingdon* | 43. Washburn* |
| 16. Lambuth* | 44. Washington in St. Louis |
| 17. Maine* | 45. Washington State |
| 18. Marquette | 46. Wyoming |
| 19. Memphis* | |
| 20. Miami (Ohio)* | |
| 21. Minnesota* | |
| 22. Missouri State* | |
| 23. Moravian | |
| 24. Morehead State | |
| 25. Nebraska-Kearney | |
| 26. Nebraska-Omaha | |
| 27. Northwest Missouri State | |
| 28. Ohio State* | |

Key: **Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse chapter**
*Residential Learning Community
Italics Denotes a Sigma Epsilon chapter

“The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled.”

~ PLUTARCH

14 intramural champion chapters are among the 68 chapters in the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse

14 Residential Learning Communities are intramural champions



After: Anthony Layton, Montana '10 works toward a Sound Body ideal after an inspiring EDGE

Sound Body message inspires undergrad to lose almost 100 pounds

By **WILL ROBINSON**, Duke '11

By resisting the superficial allure of fad diets and trendy weight loss programs, two SigEps at Montana State are role models for Sound Mind and Sound Body.

Anthony Layton, '10, has shed nearly 100 pounds since joining the Montana SEC Chapter in spring 2008, when the 6 ft. tall Layton weighed 270 pounds. Attending EDGE New Member camp helped Layton realize he had to make a change in his lifestyle.

“I didn’t actually know what was going to happen at EDGE,” Layton said. “[But] it got me thinking about everything, about my future, first impressions, trying to get a job when I graduate.”

The EDGE Camp, which emphasizes healthy personal choices, included a physical competition that pitted SigEp chapters against each other. Layton said he struggled with basic physical activities like pushups and running.

“During this event I realized that I was completely unable to perform at any level.

I was the last guy to cross the finish line, and I had every brother from around the area cheering me on to keep going and finish,” Layton said. “This made me realize that most of my brothers from around the area were in shape, and that I was probably the fattest guy there. After this actualization I decided that I needed to do something about it.”

Layton said the support he received from other SigEps at EDGE, and from the brothers in his chapter, motivated him to start losing the weight.

Over the summer, Layton began to focus on his diet and change his eating habits. He said he lost his first 40 pounds without changing anything about his physical activity. But, by the end of the summer, he was doing 30 minutes of cardiovascular exercise, five days a week. By spring 2009, he added a strength-building workout to his routine, allowing him to lose weight while gaining muscle.

Layton said he weighs around 174 pounds. His body fat has dropped from 31 percent to



Before: Layton at 270 pounds

14 percent. “When someone asks me what SigEp can do for you, I think what *can’t* SigEp do for you,” Layton said. “Sometimes I wonder what my life would be like now if I had decided not to join SigEp, or go to that Edge.”

SigEp brotherhood encompasses more than an individual’s accomplishment, and Layton has motivated his friend **Lincoln Kroft**, '11, to lose weight as well.

“He’s the one who pushed me to care about myself. Anthony has always been there encouraging a healthier choice,” said Kroft.

Kroft has dropped from 325 pounds to 280 pounds through a combination of diet and exercise changes that he made over the summer. “I wasn’t being as healthy as I could be,” Kroft said. “That’s a huge part of the Balanced Man [Ideal].”

Chapter News

ESPN Internship offers aspiring sports journalist real world experience

By PHILLIP FISHER, Colorado '10

The day I got a call from Lee Hood, the internship director for the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Colorado, was the day everything changed. She was calling on behalf of ESPN.com and Senior Staff Writer Rick Reilly to offer me an internship as Rick's personal assistant. As a journalism major, I saw it as a dream internship; I would be working for ESPN *and* for Rick Reilly! From then on my career goals would slowly change.

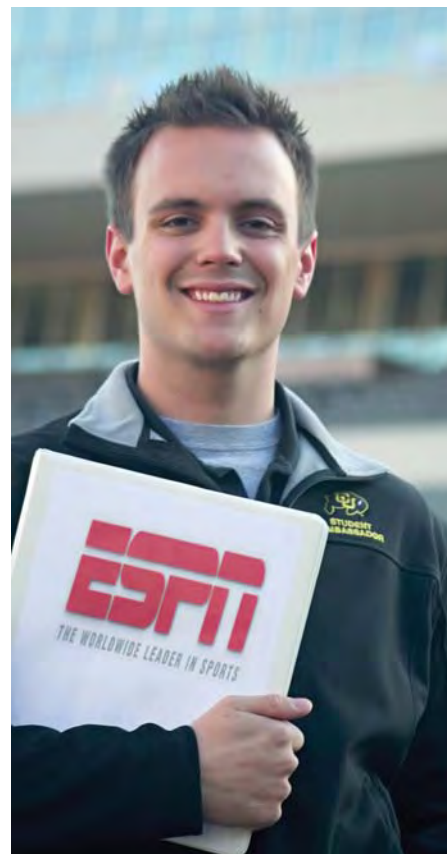
In his first email, Rick surprised me, not because of the assignment, but because he quoted Seinfeld. Who knew that Rick Reilly was into Seinfeld? It was nice to know he appreciated humor.

My assignment was stressful. Rick wanted me to write 25 questions to ask legendary UCLA basketball Coach John Wooden in front of 300 people. No pressure right? When the "Life of Reilly" column was posted about Wooden, Rick had included a discovery from my research. Wooden had always coached his players about how to properly put on socks so that they would not develop blisters, and Rick mentioned it in the article!

I continued to get assignments along with positive and constructive feedback about how to become a better journalist. During finals week, I was asked to rate my top ten sports years ever and state reasons why. I did not do well on the first attempt. I had been determined to get it done super fast. Rick said if I were in the professional journalism world, I would never be allowed to touch a computer again. As a learning experience, he gave me some tips and allowed me to correct my mistakes. Rick was very pleased with the second attempt.

I learned that in professional journalism, there is no payoff in trying to be superman. Rushing through things to turn in the article before deadline can't substitute for thoroughness and quality.

My five months as an ESPN.com intern has also shined a new light on my career. In addition to media law, sports journalism has become my passion. Before, I was passionate about each separately. Now I want to combine them into a career that I love. Hopefully one day I will be able to announce sporting events to all my brothers across the nation.



Working with ESPN's Rick Reilly was a dream realized for intern Phillip Fisher, Colorado '10. He has now trained his sights on sports journalism as a career.



SigEps spend Martin Luther King Day at food bank

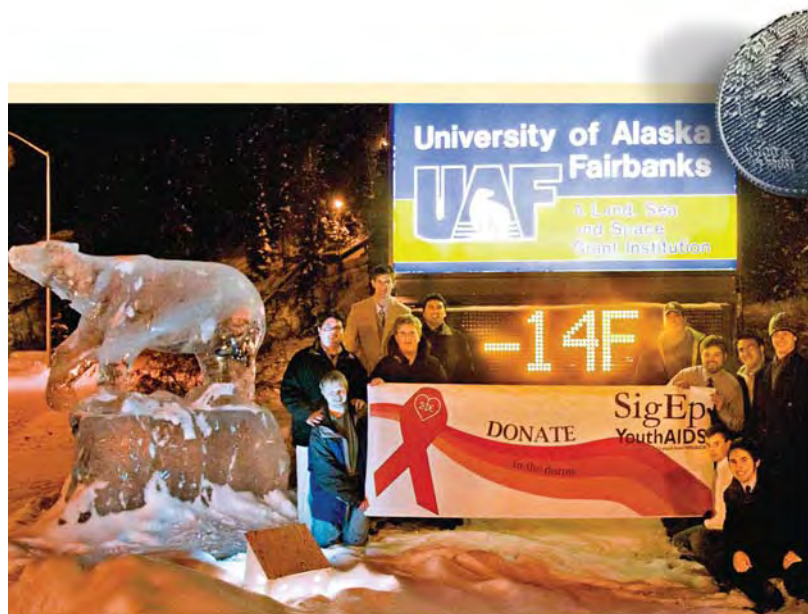
Last semester, California-Irvine's SigEps honored Martin Luther King Day with a community service event held at the Orange County Food Bank. Fourteen SigEps, most pictured above, packed food for the elderly community. Participant Daniel Stirewalt, '09, said, "MLK Day was one of the most rewarding experiences during my college career. I was able to give back to the community while hanging out with some of my best friends. I hope to do more community service events like this one." The chapter plans to stay involved with the food bank.

Top 30 ahead of all-campus average

Rank and School	Fall '08 GPA	ACA Difference	'08 Manpower
1 Toledo	3.29	0.59	71
2 Western Kentucky	3.06	0.55	43
3 Virginia Commonwealth	3.05	0.42	29
4 Nebraska	3.48	0.41	119
5 Illinois	3.49	0.39	183
6 Oklahoma State	3.21	0.39	78
7 Austin Peay State	3.20	0.33	46
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11 Quinnipiac	3.30	0.31	76
12 Oregon State	3.22	0.30	79
13 Ohio State	3.36	0.28	100
14 San Diego State	3.03	0.28	138
15 Central Arkansas	3.13	0.26	117
16 Richmond	3.43	0.26	75
17 Colorado School of Mines	3.11	0.25	25
18 Colorado State	3.05	0.25	57
19 Delaware	3.27	0.25	88
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The All-Campus Average (ACA), also known as the All-Undergraduate Average, is the mean of the GPAs for every full-time undergraduate student, both male and female, on a campus. Evaluating your chapter GPA against the ACA is a great benchmarking tool.

By consistently outperforming the average undergraduate's GPA on their campus, these 31 chapters (a three-way tie for the 29th spot) demonstrate that they are committed to the academic success of each chapter member.



One dime at a time: Change for YouthAIDS

Alaska Alpha at Alaska-Fairbanks depended on coins to raise money for the YouthAIDS Foundation. Shown left at the university entrance next to their mascot polar bear, Nanook, the brothers had a simple idea. They asked each floor in the dorms to chip in change and compete for a series of prizes generously donated by local businesses: t-shirts, coupons, briefcases, iTunes gift cards and airlines miles. Project Lead **Patrick Frymark, '07**, wanted to show the positive efforts of the chapter in a community that can be skeptical of Greek life. Chapter President **Conor Brennan, '08**, said, "I was pleasantly surprised by the results of the program. Alaska-Fairbanks is a small campus and the bonds students make with one another really helped make this program a success." Those dimes and quarters added up to \$557 from 25 floors. The chapter looks forward to making this an annual event.

Panel offers insights on life after college

By **MICHAEL BRIANTE**, California-Davis '11
LOGAN TAXDAL, California State-Sacramento '10

Only 20 miles separate the brothers of California-Davis and California State-Sacramento. Last semester, men from both chapters joined alumni and friends at the California-Davis Chapter House. With graduation looming, the focus of older brothers shifts towards starting a career. Graduating seniors are looking for guidance, and this Sound Mind seminar was aimed at what happens in "Life after college."

Seminar moderators **Logan Taxdal**, California State-Sacramento '10, and **Michael Briante**, California-Davis '11, interviewed three panelists: **Andy Beal**, California State-Sacramento '82, founder and president of MaxPreps.com, an American high school sports authority;

Christopher Cabaldon, Mayor of West Sacramento, Calif.; and **Ruth Coleman**, Director of California State Parks. They shared their perspectives about what might be in store for graduates, especially in light of California's current economic challenges.

Beal offered keen insight on how to establish and manage a start-up company by encouraging investment, hiring the right people and emphasizing business ethics. Because many brothers are pursuing careers in business, Beal immediately caught their attention. He noted that not everything learned in college comes from the classroom and attributed much of his personal and social development to his experiences as a SigEp. In retrospect,

he realizes that he learned how to respect others and how to work with people effectively.

Coleman shared her experiences in the Peace Corps and her uncharted path to becoming director of California State Parks. She was surprised by her destination. To hear a prominent government official state that she didn't know what to expect made uncertainty seem normal. She helped brothers expand their understanding of a job search when she insisted, "If you don't work at a job that you are passionate about at least 70% of the time, then you should quit. Life is too short to waste time like that." Every head in the room began to nod. While Coleman noted challenges as a woman in balancing work and home life,

she also stressed the importance of practicing a firm handshake and avoiding interview jitters by thinking of the one-on-one conversation as an "informational treasure hunt."

Mayor Cabaldon explained the importance of taking advantage of the intellectual primacy and creativity of our 20s. He shared his experience in

striving for more effective public policy by pushing limits and thinking outside the box. His high energy and passion for effective leadership was clear. Cabaldon believes that the best leader can push the envelope and gain support while doing so.

Each panelist's response was colored by the current economic turmoil and budget cuts in

academia, but their optimism, enthusiasm and experience gave brothers a chance to ponder their futures as they enter the job market or graduate school. After a question- and-answer session and informal conversations with the panelists, the California-Davis house hosted dinner, making that 20-mile distance shorter still.



A panel of local professionals helped SigEp undergraduates begin to picture their journey once they move to the next stage in life. **Andy Beal**, Founder and President MaxPreps.com, **Ruth Coleman**, Director of California State Parks and **Christopher Cabaldon**, Mayor of West Sacramento offered their perspectives on the work world.

Chapter Spotlight



Florida Iota brothers practiced their scaling skills at a local indoor rock climbing wall.

South Florida measures up

By KEVIN LYNCH, Maryland-College Park '08

"This chapter exemplifies the Balanced Man ideal, not just by being well-rounded, but by being number one in everything," said last year's Regional Director **Jacob Wick, Indiana '08**, of the Residential Learning Community chapter at South Florida. Florida Iota bears out Wick's observation by excelling at multiple measures of fraternity success.

The chapter shows an ability to focus intently on achieving its goals. For example, when brothers noticed their academic performance was faltering, upper-classmen in the chapter made efforts to guide the chapter and put the issue front and center. These efforts included contacting their chapter advisor, Dr. Mark Greenberg, who gave a seminar on the significance of academic success. This seminar had a profound impact on the chapter, causing an instant increase in study hours. The chapter continues to emphasize academics in their newly-renovated Residential

"We pride ourselves on having an amazing reputation on the USF campus, with leaders in every corner," says Chapter President **Robert Brann, '10**. The chapter has had a

member in the upper echelons of the student government for four of the past five years, and with the election of **Bruno Portigliatti, '10**, this year, has a member serving as student body vice president two terms running.

This reputation has led to significant success in the chapter's philanthropic pursuits; the brothers raised over \$8,000 in the past year through various service learning events. They have also logged 650 hours of community service in the last semester and have led the campus in participants in the university's annual "Stampede of Service."

"Florida Iota gives SigEp a great name on the campus of USF, and we also give back to the community in so many ways," said Brann of the chapter's commitment to service and philanthropy.

The chapter's success is also due to the dedication of its volunteers. According to Wick, a new Alumni and Volunteer Corporation (AVC) was created "to promote mentorship and professional development." The AVC is composed mostly of alumni at least six years removed from the current chapter, providing a bridge from the younger members to older alumni. **Kevin O'Connor, Loras '88**, the chapter counselor, has been a strong advocate for the chapter: "I have not seen a group of young men look up to a mentor the way Florida Iota brothers look to Kevin," Wick said. The chapter credits its success partly to his high expectations: "Without Kevin's demand for excellence, we would not be going for our third consecutive Buchanan Cup," said Brann. South Florida achieved this goal at the 2009 Conclave in Orlando.

Through dedicated members, volunteers, and a steadfast adherence to their goals and values, the men of Florida Iota have proven to be a model of success for other SigEp chapters.



Left to right: Kevin Cao, '11, Jonathan Shaw, '11, and Matt Majerick, '10, point upward, the direction South Florida is headed, during a break from a volunteer clean-up project at a local park.

Fast Facts

GPA: **3.12**

Manpower: **109**

Rank: **1/12**

South Florida Greek Chapter of the Year
South Florida Fraternity of the Year

Three consecutive Buchanan Cups



Left to right; Past Chapter President Rob Sozio, '08, Chapter President Robert Brann, '10, and Brother Mentor Rodel Beredo, '09, hold their Greek Chapter of the Year Award from South Florida.

Learning Community (RLC) and has the highest GPA among fraternities on campus.

To live the Balanced Man ideal, the chapter hosts regular brother jogs and workouts, in addition to educational programming that includes seminars on studying, incentive programs, study logs, and academic-major-driven study groups.

The chapter has the top spot in manpower among the school's 16 organizations in the Interfraternity Conference with 109 members. Members intend to maintain this position, and they have recruited 46 new members this past academic year. They have also won Fraternity of the Year and Greek Chapter of the Year awards from the university and have merited the Buchanan Cup for the past three Conclaves.

Top 30 Chapters in Manpower

Below are the 30 largest chapters in the nation in SigEp for 2009. Twenty-five of these chapters claim 100 men or more. With a total of 250 chapters, these top manpower houses represent just over 12% of our chapters. In sheer numbers of men, however, these 3,562 undergraduates account for 24% of the 14,559 SigEps currently on campus.

Rank and School	Man-power*	Rank and School	Man-power*
1 Oklahoma	195	18 Kansas	109
2 Texas Austin	172	19 George Washington	105
3 Illinois	167	20 Dartmouth	104
4 Illinois State	142	21 Indiana	103
5 Florida	135	22 Loyola	
6 Texas Christian	133	23 Marymount	102
7 Colorado	129	24 Southeast Missouri State	101
8 Georgia	128	25 Kansas State	100
9 Auburn	127	26 Kentucky	100
10 Ohio State	124	27 Cal-Poly SLO	99
11 Nebraska	121	28 Drake	99
12 Miami (Ohio)	118	29 Delaware	98
13 Central Arkansas	113	30 Mississippi	97
14 San Diego State	113	31 South Carolina	97
15 Louisiana State	112		
16 Saint Louis	110		
17 South Florida	109		

*as of April 1, 2009



Yale investment challenge winners ring NASDAQ opening bell

Last semester, a five-person team from Yale of three undergraduates and two graduate students rang in the investment day at the NASDAQ Stock Exchange in New York City. On the winning team is SigEp's own Michael Simpson, Yale '10 (center, blue tie). The team won the New York Society of Security Analysts Investment Research Challenge, where entrants have to compile an investment report on a publicly-traded company. Fourteen schools entered, and the other teams were comprised exclusively of MBA candidates. In the finals, the teams presented their investment thesis to a panel of Wall Street professionals and fielded questions. The team placed second in the global finals of the competition in London.

Our Very Own Frat Boys

Chapters that do not live up to the ideals of Sigma Phi Epsilon bring dishonor and disgrace to our name. The *Journal* reports these stories to inform its readers and to show that actions have consequences.

ARIZONA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Reason for intervention: Alleged hazing activity

Action: 85-man chapter closed

In fall 2008, two reports were made to the University of Arizona's Hazing Hotline. In one report, the caller identified himself as a new member and indicated that he was expected to be at the chapter house from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. unless in class and be at the house in the evenings until 9 for song practice and/or study hours. He said he was blindfolded at times and asked to stare at the ceiling for an extended period. He was required to drink 10 beers in rapid succession, and he was repeatedly slapped in the face. He said he was asked to wall sit and then his legs were kicked out from underneath him. Based on these allegations, the university placed the chapter on immediate suspension and began an in-depth investigation.

Hazing activity in fall 2007 led to a membership review in spring 2008 which resulted in the loss of 54% of the chapter's membership. Optimism prevailed about the

group. They were supported by a dedicated group of alumni to help them build a strong chapter. But the turnaround potential slipped away.

Later in 2008, the university conducted an investigation and advised Headquarters that they would withdraw the chapter's recognition. It appeared that several former members were responsible for the misconduct. The chapter planned to pursue an appeal this spring but withdrew it the day before the scheduled hearing. The closed chapter was able to negotiate a return in four years instead of the five as originally set by the university. The AVC is selling the chapter house to the university along with a six-year option on a lot on campus. In this situation, the actions and poor judgment shown by a few individuals along with the inability of the chapter leadership to enforce its standards resulted in a negative outcome for many.

ALABAMA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Reason for intervention: Alleged hazing activity

Action: 113-man chapter closed

In November 2008, Headquarters was contacted by a local emergency-room doctor stating that a young man and new member of Alabama Beta was in the hospital with life threatening injuries. The individual had second-degree burns to his buttocks. An immediate investigation began, and it was determined that the chapter had been questioning new members while they sat on a "hot seat," a folding metal chair heated with an iron. According to the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation President, this was a tradition in the chapter dating from the early 90s. There had been no indication that this practice was still going on until this incident. The investigation showed seven new members were burned after this hazing exercise, and one sought medical treatment.

This chapter has had its struggles in the past; the National Board suspended the chapter in 2006 for hazing. Signs of improvement after that created anticipation

that Alabama Beta would be removed from suspension status in November 2008. That was not to be.

SigEp has zero tolerance for hazing. The National Board of Directors withdrew Alabama Beta's charter for failure to comply with policies regarding new member programming. The 113-man chapter had recently celebrated its 80th anniversary.

All were asked to vacate the house by December. The university also revoked its recognition of the chapter as a student group on campus. The AVC is leasing the chapter house this spring.

This incident brought down one of our largest chapters. The individuals involved are subject to criminal and civil charges, judicial action and possible expulsion from the university. The university has agreed to a return to campus in fall 2010, and SigEp plans to put together a group of individuals who will live up to the core values of our Fraternity.

SigEp has zero tolerance for hazing.

Embezzlement tests chapter's mettle

By ERIN MULLALLY, Michigan State '99

The University of Wyoming Chapter recently hit rock bottom when a chapter alumnus and active volunteer embezzled over \$100,000 from chapter accounts. While the responsible party was aggressively pursued through the court system and eventually convicted, Wyoming Alpha was left to face a mountain of debt and unpaid bills. The strain created a serious lack of morale among chapter members.

Clay Long, Wyoming '05, the secretary for the chapter's Alumni and Volunteer Corporation (AVC), was an undergraduate when the chapter discovered the embezzlement. "Our members were angry and at a loss for what to do. The size of the financial loss was so daunting and immediate that we faced the potential loss of our chapter home," Long shared.

A dedicated group of alumni, parents and undergraduates moved quickly. Members of a newly recruited AVC set specific goals with the undergraduate

"A man's most valuable trait is a judicious sense of what not to believe."

~ EURIPIDES

chapter to save Wyoming Alpha and address the financial losses.

The chapter immediately focused on recruitment. In 2008, the membership increased from 27 to 40, while the chapter focused on academics and quality membership development.

The chapter's GPA improved, and they won the campus homecoming and Greek competitions.

Meanwhile the AVC created and executed a financial plan, which has seen the chapter's debt level cut in half. Financial procedures and transparent control measures were implemented and strengthened. The AVC also started an alumni communications program to reestablish links with alumni.

"One of the challenges for a relatively young chapter like Wyoming is the limited alumni base. We reached some brothers from the 1950s before our chapter went dormant, but since reestablishing in 1995, the majority of our alumni base is under 40," Long said. Wyoming Alpha alumni can update their contact information on the

chapter's website, www.wysigep.com.

"The current AVC knew that it also had to reestablish trust with undergraduate members," Long explained. "The AVC holds most of its meetings in the chapter house formal room and asks undergraduates to attend. Chapter members are encouraged to ask questions about AVC finances, while the AVC does the same for the undergraduate chapter. The result is an open and transparent method of operation that has improved chapter morale and communication."

Each AVC member identified an undergraduate leadership position to mentor, which "encourages alumni to further distinguish roles of participation and unique areas of support," Long explained. "Maybe even more vital than



Wyoming Alpha brothers won the 2006 Excelsior award for their work on financial issues following the theft. Will Freeman, '06, (second row, second from left), AVC Treasurer, has been intensely focused on conquering the chapter's debt.

financial support are the leadership lessons, stories and experience that a chapter can miss out on without strong alumni and volunteer participation."

What major lesson has Wyoming Alpha learned from this embezzlement nightmare? "The only alumnus actively involved with the

chapter at the time was the one who was caught embezzling, so there were no accounting checks and balances," said Long. "If a chapter struggles to recruit alumni members for AVC roles, chapters should not be shy about recruiting parents, professors or others in the community."

Prevent financial abuse

Every SigEp chapter is susceptible to financial abuse, but it can be prevented.

Alumni and Volunteer Corporations should implement the following basic safeguards:

- ▣ Require dual signatures on checks over a predetermined amount, such as \$500.
- ▣ Have an account that prohibits debit card and ATM withdrawals.
- ▣ Assign monthly account reconciliation to an officer other than the person with check-writing authority.
- ▣ Reconcile liquid asset accounts monthly.
- ▣ Assign an independent third party to conduct an annual audit of chapter finances.
- ▣ Acquire directors and officers insurance as offered through SigEp Headquarters.

SigEp and its insurance providers prosecute embezzlement cases to the fullest extent of the law. If you have questions, contact Kathy Johnston, Director of Risk Management, at Kathy.Johnston@SigEp.net.

Top 30 Chapters in percentage growth

For the first time, we list the 30 chapters that saw the greatest percentage increase in their membership. As you can see, some of our smallest chapters made great strides in replenishing their ranks while significantly growing membership. Notable leaps include Drexel, Arizona State and Southern Methodist which each added over 30 men while Appalachian State and Cal State-San Bernardino more than doubled their ranks in a single year.

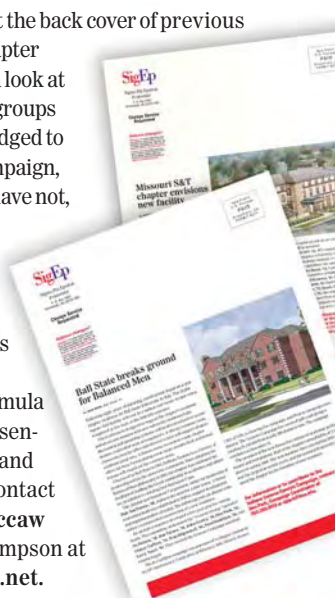
Rank and Chapter	'08 PMR*	'09 PMR*	Change	% growth	Rank and Chapter	'08 PMR*	'09 PMR*	Change	% growth
1. Appalachian State	16	40	24	150%	16. Rider	29	46	17	59%
2. Cal State-San Bernardino	25	51	26	104%	17. Indiana State	24	38	14	58%
3. Utah State SEC	13	25	12	92%	18. Southern Methodist	56	88	32	57%
4. Louisville	23	44	21	91%	19. Southern California	37	57	20	54%
5. Kent State	17	32	15	88%	20. DePaul	17	26	9	53%
6. Sacramento State	29	54	25	86%	21. Canisius	16	24	8	50%
7. New York	23	41	18	78%	22. Chicago	23	34	11	48%
8. Idaho SEC	13	22	9	69%	23. Barton	19	28	9	47%
9. Drexel	46	77	31	67%	24. North Carolina Greensboro	19	28	9	47%
10. Alaska	12	20	8	67%	25. Austin Peay State	46	67	21	46%
11. Northern Kentucky	24	40	16	67%	26. American	42	61	19	45%
12. George Mason	24	40	16	67%	27. SIU-Edwardsville	34	49	15	44%
13. Huntingdon	14	23	9	64%	28. Florida International	56	80	24	43%
14. Columbia	39	63	24	61%	29. Trine	36	51	15	42%
15. Arizona State	55	88	33	60%	30. James Madison (SEC)	44	62	18	41%

*PMR: Periodic Membership Report updated each March

Over \$18 million pledged for SigEp housing since 2003

You may have noticed that the back cover of previous *Journals* announces a chapter housing campaign. Take a look at the results some of these groups report. To alumni who pledged to their chapter's capital campaign, thank you. To those who have not, you can still make a gift.

Chapters that want to get started on their own housing campaign need to know that these results don't happen overnight. Fortunately, there is a formula for success. Have a representative from your Alumni and Volunteer Corporation contact Chris McCaw at chris.mccaw@sigep.net or Scott Thompson at scott.thompson@sigep.net.



School	Amount Pledged	Amount Collected	Number of Donors
Ball State	\$1,290,399	\$376,345	223
Drake	\$619,849	\$435,129	209
Georgia Tech	\$874,837	\$462,514	232
Kansas	\$925,000	\$635,000	190
Kansas State	\$2,044,886	\$1,656,344	332
Miami (Ohio)	\$878,616	\$658,633	577
Miami (Ohio)*	\$87,435	\$69,613	94
Missouri	\$1,210,174	\$670,674	248
Missouri-S&T	\$817,368	\$154,015	136
Nebraska	\$1,481,572	\$1,294,622	384
North Texas	\$796,050	\$453,949	166
Pennsylvania	\$1,118,605	\$442,391	249
South Carolina	\$799,150	\$429,142	192
Texas-Austin	\$3,263,675	\$1,804,712	276
Washington State	\$809,284	\$530,959	201
Wichita State	\$1,235,654	\$1,082,033	182
Totals**	\$18,252,553	\$11,156,076	3891

*represents a separate campaign to pay down mortgage debt

**Totals as of April, 2009

Amounts pledged include gifts that are tax-deductible and non tax-deductible. In most instances tax deductible gifts were made to the SigEp Educational Foundation which in turn grants these gifts back to the local chapter.

Washington State reclaims charter

By **SPENCER OLSON**, Washington State '11

Striving for change, academic excellence, and quality manpower were the keys to success for returning SigEp to Washington State. Since reopening in 2005, the volunteers and undergraduates at the Washington Alpha Chapter have diligently focused on becoming a strong and productive fraternity. **Craig Dewey '72**, President of the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation (AVC), explains the re-colonization effort, "The tradition of Sigma Phi Epsilon at Washington State stretches back to our original chartering in 1912. After a short closure in 2003, we were thrilled to be invited to re-colonize in 2005. Since then our men have excelled in academics, campus activities, intramural sports, community service, and manpower. They have truly earned this achievement. It is an honor to once again be known as Washington Alpha, a chartered member of Sigma Phi Epsilon."

Washington Alpha has grown in manpower and academics as well as in spirit. Viewed as one of the strongest fraternities within Washington State's Greek community, the chapter has won Greek Week three out of the last four years. This competitive week of games and fundraising gives each chapter a chance to show its creativity and ability to work together to become the top chapter on campus. "It feels great to take first place again and be known as a fun but challenging opponent," observed **Jeff Donovan, 11**.

The Balanced Man Ideal

Washington State has achieved great strides in recruitment and membership. With over 80 members, it's the largest chapter on campus. Membership has steadily grown since the reopening, and the chapter sustained 3.0 GPA in spring 2008. The Balanced Man Scholarship is its most effective recruiting strategy and attracts only the most diligent and creative young men through personal interviews and a selective application process. Thousands in scholarship dollars were awarded last year to potential new members in the quest for finding the best men. The chapter supports the lifestyle that incorporates the Balanced Man Ideal in everyday life by hosting a variety of weekly Sound Mind and Sound Body activities such as football, ultimate frisbee, soccer, basketball, swimming, other intramural sports. It also promoted university-sponsored classes for improving and strengthening study habits.

About the Campus

Washington State offers an assortment of extracurricular activities within its Pullman



campus. It has over 300 student organizations, which vary from career clubs to social and entertainment clubs. Washington State has one of the largest outdoor recreation facilities west of the Mississippi.

"Re-chartering has been our number one goal these past few years, and it feels fantastic to finally achieve it. Now we can focus on our next two goals, becoming the best chapter at Washington State University and winning the Buchanan Cup. It will take much work but both goals are very obtainable," said **Spencer Olson, '11**.

By the Numbers

Originally Founded: **1912**

GPA: **3.00**

Total Lifetime Members: **1,630**

Current Undergraduate Membership: **83**

Indiana gets charter back; surpasses 100 men

By KEVIN ZACHARIAS SWAD, Indiana '11

In spring 2006, then SigEp Expansion Director Jason Cherish, Saint Louis '03, recruited a team of roughly 30 Indiana undergraduates to re-colonize Indiana Beta. He sought high-achieving young men who were proven leaders on campus. He turned to campus sorority women for help recruiting men who personify the core values of the Fraternity. With these members assembled, the bonds of fraternal brotherhood quickly emerged.

The Sigma Epsilon Chapter (SEC) worked diligently to implement the Balanced Man Program, recruit quality men, and collectively excel in academics to become the premiere fraternity at Indiana. Out of 29 campus fraternities, SigEp ranks first in GPA with a 3.45 for fall 2008. The chapter has been recognized by the university with the "Highest Standard of Excellence" award for three consecutive years. SigEp left its mark on campus by hosting its annual philanthropy, "Hoosier Sweetheart," a female talent show where contestants compete for the coveted title supporting the chapter's fundraising efforts on behalf of YouthAIDS.

SigEp at Indiana is the first chapter to charter as a Residential Learning Community (RLC). This chapter accreditation reflects

collaboration between academic professionals, undergraduates, the university, and the chapter to create a holistic learning experience. Chapter leaders aspired to this RLC designation, headed up by Brice Floyd, '10, and Ben Kipfer, '08, because they believed it would improve men, make the chapter more relevant to learning, create brotherhood through class work and boost the GPA, a trend demonstrated in RLCs across the nation. The chapter met with professors and faculty to promote the program and designated classroom space in the house. Indiana can serve as a model for SEC chapters to build their RLC concept into their chartering plan.

This year Indiana Beta is 103 members strong. After an eventful week of spirited competition, Sigma Phi Epsilon was awarded the 2008 Greek Homecoming Championship. Within three years, the chapter has accomplished virtually all of its original goals, while upholding high standards for itself.

Balanced Man Ideal

Indiana SigEps demonstrate the ideals of the Balanced Man with the highest GPA among fraternities for the last three semesters. Brothers are involved in many other non-Greek campus organizations including IUSA, the Indiana University Student Association, the Union Board, and the Korean Club. The Union Board plans major events on campus. The chapter is involved in almost every intramural sport. SigEps participate in Indiana's biggest sporting event of the year,

the Little 500 bike race. Some members train for months to race and proudly represent SigEp at the same time.

Volunteer Support

The chapter meets monthly with the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation board. Two chapter counselors, Tom Shaw, IIT '71, and Jonathan Purvis, Indiana '98, sit in on chapter and executive meetings. A valued alumni graduate advisor, Kipfer lives in the fraternity house and assists brothers if they need guidance.

About the Campus

Indiana University was chartered in 1820. The Bloomington campus has over 38,000 undergraduate students and over 8,500 graduate and professional students. The university has 19 sororities and 23 fraternities.

By the Numbers

Originally Founded: 1931

GPA: 3.45

Total Lifetime Membership: 2,121

Current Undergraduate Membership: 103



Left to right: SigEp National Housing Director John Weir, Purdue '01, congratulates Indiana Beta's Brice Floyd, Indiana '10, and faculty member and residential learning advocate Dr. Herbert Terry.

Drexel chapter unites community in time of grief

By RICHARD HIGHAM-KESSLER, Emory '09

When tragedy strikes a college campus, most students will express their condolences and continue their daily routine. The SigEp brothers at Drexel, however, made the choice to be different.

Following a fatal car crash this January that killed two students and injured four others affiliated with

the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity, the Drexel SigEps canceled their upcoming sorority social and set to work to help the devastated community.

In an amazing example of brotherly love, the Pennsylvania Beta Beta chapter held a music and pasta dinner fundraiser, bringing together more than 200 mem-

bers of the community and raising \$1,000 for the victims' families.

Dave Eisner, Drexel '12, said the inspiration for the event came from his belief in the healing powers of music. After Joe Atar, Drexel '11, suggested the idea of including a pasta dinner, the chapter focused on their plan.

"My reasoning," said Eisner, "came from being a musician—and music has always been a way of escaping hardships for me. It unleashes happiness when I am sad, and I always try to do whatever I can to spread that to other people."

Using its own funds to pay for supplies, the chapter enlisted the help of the Fraternity and Sorority Life Council and spread

the word for the event on Facebook. Supplemented with acoustic performances by members of Pi Kappa Alpha and Delta Phi Epsilon, the event was a huge success.

"When I thought about Brotherly Love, I realized that it is not only meant for our Fraternity's brothers, but for brothers of other fraternities as well," said Eisner. "I think that was mutually felt within the whole chapter."

In a letter written to the editor of the Drexel student newspaper, the brothers of AXP said that the victims' parents donated the proceeds of the dinner to two foundations in memory of their children.

"It is your kind words, presence and contributions that are now helping us carry on," they wrote.



PHOTOS BY CHRIS OLRY

Top 30 Chapters in Recruitment

Below we list the Top 30 chapters in recruitment for the '08-'09 academic year. These men are registered with Fraternity Headquarters. Learn more about how to recruit men to your chapter using programs such as a Balanced Man Scholarship, summer recruitment plans and making the most of the formal recruitment period on your campus. Check the Undergraduates section at www.sigep.org. Congratulations to these chapters for setting the bar high for new members.

Rank and School	Recruits	Rank and School	Recruits	Rank and School	Recruits
1 Oklahoma	60	13 Saint Louis	45	22 Georgia	38
2 Texas - Austin	59	14 Arizona State	45	23 Cent. Arkansas	37
3 Kentucky	57	15 George Washington	44	24 Austin Peay State	37
4 Illinois	54	16 Southeast Missouri State	44	25 Northwest Missouri	37
5 Florida Int'l	53	17 Southern Methodist	44	26 Cal State-San Bernardino	37
6 Texas Tech	52	18 Indiana	40	27 Ohio State	36
7 Illinois State	50	19 Florida	39	28 Drake	36
8 Colorado	50	20 Missouri State	39	29 Nevada-Reno	36
9 San Diego State	49	21 Kansas	39	30 CalPoly-SLO	36
10 Auburn	48				
11 South Florida	46				
12 Louisiana State	45				



Fostering hope: chapter helps find homes for dogs

The Appalachian State Chapter volunteers for High Country's Friends for Life, a non-profit organization aimed at finding homes for pets in the local animal shelter. This weekly adoption day offers local animal control dogs and cats to potential pet owners in Boone, N.C. Brothers also take in two to three dogs to help rehabilitate them. Fostering services have reduced the local shelter's euthanasia rate from 90 percent to below 10 percent. L to R above: Andrew Brinson '10, Earl Laing, '11, and Matthew Hess, '12, show off Finlay, Marley, and Medea at Lowe's Hardware in September.

Northern Kentucky regains charter after overcoming challenges

By DAVE WENZEL, Cincinnati '06
DAVE STETTER, Northern Kentucky '08

In 1982 the Kentucky Eta chapter was chartered at Northern Kentucky; it closed in 1992 due to low manpower, a challenge revisited while reestablishing the chapter. Through the implementation of the Balanced Man Scholarship and a strategic recruitment game plan this past year, the chapter doubled its manpower in 2008 from 22 in May to 44 by December. These efforts were recognized with an Excelsior Cup at the 2009 Carlson Leadership Academy in Chicago, Illinois.

The charter banquet was held at the Hilton Netherlands Plaza in Cincinnati, Ohio, a venue that has seen many important events in the Fraternity's history, including the 1959 and 1979 Conclaves, several Carlson Leadership Academies, and the Miami (Ohio) SigEp chartering banquet. Over 190 local and out-of-town guests attended, including many university faculty and staff, representatives from campus fraternities and sororities, local SigEp chapters, and alumni.

Since re-founding in 2003, brothers have held almost every leadership position on campus, including the IFC president for three consecutive years, IFC executive vice president, student government president, four senators, student directors for the university leadership institute and numerous others.

Balanced Man Ideal

Brothers host and participate in Sound Mind and Sound Body events monthly to offer a "different" type of fraternity experience at Northern Kentucky. Brothers' physical fitness is measured twice a semester with a chapter-led Presidential Fitness Test, providing status and needed areas of improvement. They host

guest speakers on diversity and leadership during chapter meetings. The chapter is competitive in intramurals, and members attend numerous arts programs including a brother's theater productions, in addition to hosting sorority mixers at various local cultural venues. Academics are a top priority for the chapter, and their grades show it, as they had the highest grade point average of all 15 Greek organizations with a 3.08.

Volunteer Support

Mark Krzywonos, '84, is a lifelong volunteer of the Kentucky Eta chapter. An original founding father in 1983, Krzywonos has provided guidance, leading to the re-chartering of Kentucky Eta. David Wenzel, Cincinnati '06, is president of the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation (AVC). Maintaining young alumni as key volunteers has helped the AVC grow to 10 members and led to the creation of several innovative programs. The Programming of Undergraduate Mentorship by Alumni (PUMA) for instance, gives one-on-one support to the executive committee from

alumni, based on the career and life experiences of the volunteer. Other AVC members include David Stetter, '08, the recruitment mentor, Bob Gardner, Renaissance, parent liaison, and Frank Braun, Miami (Ohio) '81, faculty advisor.

About the Campus

Founded in 1968, Northern Kentucky sits on 400 acres overlooking the Cincinnati skyline. A growing metropolitan campus dedicated to providing a private school education at a public school cost, it offers students an engaging learning environment. Enrollment is just over 15,000 students with 11,000 undergraduates; 6% of the undergraduate student population is in one of 15 Greek-lettered organizations.

By the Numbers

Originally Founded: 1982

GPA: 3.08

Total Lifetime Members: 251

Current Undergraduate Membership: 40



Spring sports review

By JAY LANGHAMMER

Review the outstanding accomplishments of SigEp undergraduate scholar athletes in spring sports such as track and field, baseball, tennis and lacrosse as well as fall sports athletes and a few alumni. We encourage all chapters and alumni to send names of athletes to journal@sigep.net for future coverage.

ARKANSAS TECH

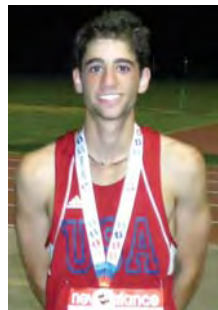
Taylor Wallner, '09, was named Tech's Outstanding Senior Male Athlete and was on *ESPN the Magazine's* College Division Academic All-District IV team with a 3.47 GPA. Over 12 golf tournaments, he averaged 75.6 for 28 rounds and played in the NCAA Division II meet. He shot three 69's and placed fourth (142) at the Ouachita Baptist Invitational.

BABSON

Andy O'Brien, '11, was a good distance runner for the track squad.

BAKER

Tanner Gleason, '11, ran on the 400 and 1600 meter relays at the NAIA meet and A.J. Jimenez, '09, was a teammate. Members of the golf squad were Zack Rockey, '10, Adam Taylor, '11,



Kevin Silver, Miami (Ohio) '09, won a Bronze Medal for the U.S. team at the 2009 Maccabiah Games in Israel.

Kevin Hostetter, '12, and Eric Reimer, '12.

BALDWIN-WALLACE

Competing for the track team were sprinter Tim Levitsky, '11, and distance runners Stewart Pozzuto, '12, and Adam Brown, '12.

BUCKNELL

Key members of the crew team were Tom Bernardi, '11, Hugh Shepard, '11, David Ross, '10, Byron Garoufalis, '10, and Kells Green, '10. Parker Phillips, '11, saw action for the golf team.

CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE

Seeing mound duty for the baseball team was Zac Bishop, '11.

CARNEGIE MELLON

James Hulley, '10, won the UAA shot (school record 51'1") and discus (145'1") while going to both the NCAA Division III indoor and outdoor meets. Also on the squad were javelin throwers Carl Spindler, '10, and Anthony Pacella, '12, plus pole vaulter Heath McAlister, '12.

CASE WESTERN RESERVE

Returning for his final season of eligibility was pitcher Kevin Haley, '08, who led the baseball staff with five wins, 77 innings and 46 strikeouts. Andrew Pozzuto, '09, threw the discus and javelin for the track team.

CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT

Tennis standout Lorenzo Sison, '11, was 13-8 in doubles and 10-9 in singles play.

CLARKSON

Attackman Tim Leahy, '09, played 10 games for the lacrosse team and scored two goals.

COLUMBIA

Tennis co-captain Jon Wong, '10, played in the NCAA Division I meet and was All-Ivy League second team in doubles (14-5) and singles (12-7). Lightweight rowing team members Bob Duff, '10, and Mike Nucci, '10, competed in the U.S. men's quadruple sculls competition at the Under 23 World Championships. Other rowers were Brian Dunn, '10, Brian Marcus, '12, David Mulhern, '10,



Kevin Snyder, Oklahoma '10

Alex Powell, '12 and Bruno Salemme, '12.

CORNELL

Oarsmen on the heavyweight crew squad were Kade Laden, '10, Aaron Doliber, '10, and Sarp Aksel, '10. The lightweight crew squad included Nick Carbone, '10, Christopher Livingston, '10, and Brandon Seaman, '11.

CREIGHTON

Golfer Jimmy Zuegner, '11, averaged 80.0 over five rounds with a low of 76. Also on the squad was Michael Colclasure, '12.

DARTMOUTH

Five SigEps saw action for the track squad. Chris Alexander, '10, placed eighth in the outdoor Heptagonals shot put (48') and Ken DiCairano, '10, was ninth at the indoor Heptagonals pole vault event (14'9"). Andy Han, '09, placed 12th in the outdoor Heptagonals 3,000 meter steeplechase and Kevin Treadway, '10, was 18th in the outdoor Heps 5,000. Alex

Hall, '10 was on the seventh place indoor Heptagonals 4 X 880 yard relay event. Evan Greulich, '10, was on the heavyweight crew squad which sent three boats to the finals at the IRA championships.

DENISON

Four SigEps were key players for the 21-19 baseball team. All-NCAC second team catcher Alex Horn, '10, hit .374 (40 of 107) and third baseman Kevin Teague, '11, was a .327 hitter (32 of 98). Pitcher Freddy Marino, '11, had a 3-2 record in 15 contests and outfielder Danny Pritz, '11, batted .243 and scored 18 runs. Lacrosse midfielder Justin Hess, '10, scored eight points for the 14-3 NCAA Division III playoff club and goalie Patrick Cuff, '10, had 16 saves in five games. Ben Pendery, '09, was a good 800 runner for the squad that won the indoor NCAC title.

EMORY

Trackman Adam Moroff, '09, had a best 400 hurdles time of

55.73 at the UAA outdoor meet.

FRESNO STATE

Matt Ryan, '09, was named an All-American Scholar by Cleveland Golf (3.46 GPA) and won the team's Bulldog Award. Over 15 rounds, he had the second-best average (73.20) on the squad. His best finish was a 16th place tie (216, including a 69) at the Giustina Memorial Classic.

HUNTINGDON

Tennis player Sean Buysman, '12, was named to the GSAC All-Freshman Team after posting records of 4-0 in doubles and 4-4 in singles. Daven Bailey, '12, was also a squad member.

ILLINOIS TECH

Appearing in seven games for the baseball team was pitcher Sean Irish, '09.

JOHNS HOPKINS

At the Centennial Conference outdoor meet, Jacob Kramer, '12, placed third in the 110 hurdles and sixth in the 400 hurdles. Taylor Reese, '09, was a member of the crew squad.

LAMBUTH

Golfer Scott Metcalfe, '12, placed second (152) at the Union Spring Invitational. He played in the Stone Cup summer tournament and Aaron Ingalls, '11, played in the Tennessee State Amateur meet. Eddy Whitaker, '10, was also a golf regular and was joined by Andrew Asbridge, '10, and Heath Lay, '12. Members of the 35-20 baseball squad were infielder Paul Bucher, '10, and pitcher Ben Howell, '12.

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT

Keyon Mitchell, '10, had top times of 11.53 for 100 meters and 22.95 for 200 meters. He also competed in the long jump (22'6") and triple jump (47'5").

MAINE

At the Wildcat Invitational 3000 steeplechase event, Christopher McGary, '12, placed third and Brendan Carr, '10, was sixth. Spencer McElwain, '12, finished 10th in the 5000 at the Wildcat meet and was 23rd in the event at the American East Championships.

MARYLAND

Andrew Kay, '11, had a good year for the golf team, averaging 76.89 over 18 rounds, with a low score of 70. His best finish was a 17th place tie at the Maryland Intercollegiate.



SCHOLAR ATHLETE FOCUS

Sailor, lacrosse player navigates on land, in the water and in class



Patrick Bloomstine, John Carroll '09, is a member of the varsity lacrosse and sailing teams who maintains a 3.61 GPA as an economics major. He also serves as the chaplain for his chapter. His sailing team ranked for the first time in eight years as 6th in the Mid-West, and his lacrosse team turned in a 4-0 season. He offers *Journal* readers a bit of insight into how he balances his athletic and academic endeavors.

Journal: What's the difference in skills needed for lacrosse and sailing?

Lacrosse is much more physically demanding. I play long stick midfield, and it involves a lot of running on the wings of face-offs, on defense and on clearing plays. Sailing requires a lot more concentration and the ability to multitask. I have to drive the boat and keep it moving quickly while making tactical decisions throughout the race.

J: What are the trickiest things to learn in each of your chosen sports?

In sailing, there are a lot of tricky things. Tuning your boat to the wind conditions can have a huge bearing on how your day goes. With so many sail controls, forgetting to adjust one or two of them can ruin your day. In lacrosse, it's really important for the defense to recognize what set to get into. As a senior on defense, it often falls to me to call what defense we will be in, while still keeping track of the ball and my man.

J: What is the most interesting thing about economics?

I enjoy everything about economics and one of my favorite courses was industrial organization and public policy, where I learned about anti-trust cases, mergers, collusion, and oligopoly and monopoly behavior. It's also interesting to study the current economic crisis—both causes and possible solutions.

J: What challenges do you face in balancing varsity sports and high performing academics?

One of the major challenges is sleep deprivation. Sometimes the only thing that got me through the

day was caffeine. That's better since my course load has leveled out. I've also had to sacrifice the occasional social function. I've always seen clearly that academics come first for me, and I worry about the rest after that.

J: How has the fraternity played a role in shaping your athletic and academic experience in college?

I'm not sure if I would have played lacrosse without a few of my Fraternity brothers encouraging me to do so. They were already members of the team and urged me to join. With the sailing team, I recruited some brothers to help crew for the team and they ended up joining.

In academics, three other brothers in the chapter are senior economics majors. We have classes together, and it helps to study with other guys who care about academics, particularly economics, as much as I do.

J: What are your plans after you graduate?

I plan on attending law school.



Bloomstine, '09, left

MIT

Distance runner Jack Bourbonnais, '10, was All-NEWMAC at 10,000 meters and placed sixth at the NCAA Division III New England outdoor meet. He was also on the NEWMAC spring Academic All-Conference Team. Kevin Kleinguetl, '11, was a middle distance runner.

MIAMI (OHIO)

After placing ninth in the MAC outdoor 5000 (14:53.32), Kevin Silver, '09, won a Bronze Medal for the

U.S. team in the event (14:52) at the 2009 Maccabiah Games in Israel.

MICHIGAN

Chris Baldwin, '09, was Academic All-Big Ten and reached a season-best pole vault of 14'1" at the Len Paddock Invitational. He also had a 38'11" triple jump versus Ohio State.

MINNESOTA

Addison Demer, '11, won the indoor Minnesota Open long jump and placed seventh (23'1/2") at

the Big Ten indoor meet. He also had a 46'7-1/2" triple jump at the indoor Big Ten event. Outdoors, his 45'7-1/4" triple jump won the Lee Krough Invitational and he was second in the long jump (23'6-3/4") in a second place finish at the Minnesota Open.

MISSOURI

Ohio State head baseball coach **Bob Todd, Missouri '71**, had another successful spring, leading his Buckeyes squad to a 42-19 record.

MONMOUTH

Ben Morrow, '11, and Brian Miller, '12, were tennis regulars and high jumper Matt Hassler, '12, placed fifth at the MWC outdoor meet. The baseball squad included outfielder Andrew Weidner, '10, and pitcher Phillip Scott, '12.

MORAVIAN

Gary Zack, '12, was second in the javelin (198' 11-1/4") at the ECAC outdoor meet and third at the Landmark Conference outdoor meet. Justin Starcher, '09, was fifth in the Landmark discus event and also threw the javelin as the team win the ECAC Division III title. Playing lacrosse were Nelson Knudsen, '12, and Daniel Cress, '11.

MUHLENBERG

Leading tennis players were co-captain Jonathan Farber, '10, John Osborne, '11, and Jason Kirschenbaum, '11.

MURRAY STATE

Members of the tennis team were Jonathan Headford, '10, and Mikel Headford, '10.

NEBRASKA

High jumper Sam Haase, '11, reached a best indoor mark of 7' 1/4" at the Nebraska Tune-Up and 6'10-3/4" at the outdoor Ward Haylet Invitational. He was also 11th at the Big 12 meet. Matthew Schilling, '11, ran a best indoor 600 time of 1:24.24 at the NWU Invitational and had a top 800 outdoor time of 1:57.44 at the Nebraska Quad meet.

NEBRASKA-KEARNEY

Golfer Kris Koelzer, '12, averaged 77.17 over six rounds and tied for 10th at the RMAC Fall Invitational. Teammate Garrett Goldsberry, '12, shot 78.33 over nine rounds and tied for fourth at the fall Nebraska Invitational. At the RMAC track meet, Scott Wenzl, '11, was third in the triple jump (48'10") and ninth in the long jump (22' 1/4"). Kyle McBride, '11, was on the tennis squad.

NEBRASKA-OMAHA

Seeing action in singles and doubles for the



GREG FURMAN/ART AND MEDIA RELATIONS

Andrew Kay, Maryland '12

tennis team was Ryan Robertson, '12.

OHIO NORTHERN

Trackman Jerrod Stevens, '12, competed in the long jump and triple jump.

OHIO WESLEYAN

Seven players led the baseball squad to a 24-16 season. All-NCAC first team pitcher Matt Struble, '10, was 6-2 with a 4.01 ERA in 15 games and a team-high 60.2 innings. Second baseman James DiBasio, '12, was NCAC Newcomer of the Year and an All-NCAC second teamer after batting .375 (54 of 144) with 43 runs scored. Third baseman Eric McComas, '09, hit .293 (36 of 123) with 24 RBI and outfielder Matt Rhode, '09, had 19 starts. Also playing were pitcher Greg Vasami, '09, and outfielders Jared Turner, '10, and Jared Haas, '11. Clay Davis, '10, won the 10,000 meter run (32:11.75) at the All-Ohio Division III meet and was joined on the squad by Alex Havran, '09. Tennis player Zach Weaver, '11, was 12-9 in doubles and 6-2 in singles. Goalie Frankie Weschler, '11, played in

six games for the 10-5 lacrosse squad which went to the NCAA Division III playoffs.

OKLAHOMA

After earning All-Big 12 high jump honors in 2008, Kevin Snyder, '10, battled injuries this spring. He placed second (6'8-3/4") at the indoor Razorback Invitational and also was second at the J.D. Martin Invitational.

OREGON

Ingmar Kerem, '11, placed fifth in the decathlon (5,413 points) at the Oregon Relays and was fifth in the high jump (6' 5-1/2") at the Pepsi Team Invitational. At the Oregon Preview meet, teammate William Taylor, '11, was fifth in the 200 (23.16) and seventh in the 400 (50.99).

RANDOLPH-MACON

Connor O'Leary, '09, played six rounds for the golf squad and Daniel Doherty, '10 played tennis.

RICHMOND

Brad Miller, '12, was fourth on the golf team with a 75.93 average. He won the Landry Invitational (210), earning him Atlantic 10 Player of



Tennis star John Watts, Washington in St. Louis '10

the Week honors, and placed second at the Georgetown Invitational.

ROCHESTER

Golfer Kevin Gay, '11, was named to the UAA All-Academic Team and Alex Magill, '12, saw action on the tennis team.

ST. MARY'S OF TEXAS

Golfer Alex Maurer, '09, was third with a 76.0 average for 13 rounds and gained *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-District honors (3.82 GPA). He tied for 10th (216) at the Heartland Conference meet; was 13th at the Charles Coody Invitational; and played in the NCAA Division II regional meet. Teammate Sam Jernigan, '12, was 19th (221) at the Heartland meet and 28th at the Division II regional.

SOUTH CAROLINA

David Wolff, '10, had a good spring for the tennis team, posting records of 6-4 in singles and 4-1 in doubles.

STANFORD

Fencer Julian Jennings-White, '10, competed in the foil event at the NCAA Mid-West Regional meet and Michael Hammersley, '11, was also on the squad. Max Halvorson, '11, saw action for the 21-11 volleyball squad and Mark Murphy, '10, was on the rowing squad.

STEVENS TECH

Six SigEps saw a lot of action in baseball. All-Empire 8 first teamer Ken Meerendonk, '11, led with a .343 average (50 of 144), eight home runs, 30 RBI and 33 runs scored. He was also the top pitcher with a 5-5 record in 69.1 innings. Named All-Empire 8 second team was first sacker Dan Silva, '10, who hit .343 (37 of 108). Other key players were pitcher Dan Anunziata, '12, outfielder Matt Roman, '11, and infielders Matt Glassman, '11, and Mike Pagliaro, '12. At the Empire 8 track meet, John Sangiovanni, '10, was on the third place 400 relay and Kevin Morgera, '10, was ninth in the 400 hurdles at the ECAC Division III meet.

TCU

Trackman Adam Benz, '09 was 14th in the 200 at the indoor Texas Tech Invitational and MWC prelims. Outdoors, he was 18th in the 200 at the MWC meet. Javelin thrower Eric Storey, '12, was also on the squad.

THIEL

Four SigEp standouts led the 29-15 baseball team. Outfielder Eric Boylan, '09, was named to the ABCA All-American and NIC All-Fraternity All-American second teams after hitting .404 (59 of 146) with

seven homers and 34 RBI. Pitcher Josh Tedesco, '09 was on the NIC All-Fraternity second team and the ABCA All-Midwest third team. He had a 9-3 record in 95 innings. Earning All-PAC first team honors was third baseman Matt Stumpf, '09, who batted .335 (54 of 161) with three homers and 32 RBI. Pitcher Mark Brewer, '09, had a 2-1 record and four saves in 22 contests. Arrel Strock, '12, was on the track squad.

TRINE

First baseman/DH Jeremy Howard, '11, hit .271 and pitcher Adam Shiltz, '10, won two games. Playing lacrosse were Andy Lauer, '12, (14 goals, seven assists) and Kyle Mates, '10, (11 points). Seeing action for the track team were sprinter Samuel Johnson, '09, weightman Lucas Rosengarden, '12, and distance runner Adam Starcher, '10.

TRUMAN STATE

Second baseman Luke Crader, '11, started 47 contests and hit .231 (36 of 156) with 20 runs scored. Also seeing a lot of action were pitcher Andy Updike, '11, and first baseman Kevin Zukaitis, '11 (34 starts).

VALPARAISO

Jarrett Mickens, '11, was 10th in the long jump and triple jump at the Horizon League meet. His best

triple jump distance was 43'4-1/4". Joel Mathwig, '10 placed 15th in the Horizon 3000 steeplechase and 20th in the 1500. Other runners included Derek Egley, '12, Justin Bui, '11, and Dustin Lawrence, '09.

VILLANOVA

Five SigEps saw action on the golf squad, led by co-captains Brett Bergman, '09, (18 rounds, 77.78 average) and Andrew Alexander, '09, (10 rounds, 83.0 average). Colin List, '10, ranked second with a 76.55 average (low of 69) over 20 rounds and Doug Stadler, '09, averaged 77.50 for 22 rounds. Eddie Ryan, '12, played six rounds. Zach Siegler, '12, played on the tennis team.

WASHINGTON (SEATTLE)

Zach Woods, '10, had a best javelin throw of 170'8" at the Pacific-10 meet and earned Pac-10 All-Academic honorable mention.

WASHINGTON & LEE

Pitcher Nate Adkins, '10, saw action for the 22-15 baseball squad.

WASHINGTON IN ST. LOUIS

Tennis star John Watts, '10 was named UAA Most Valuable Player and played in

the NCAA Division III doubles championship. He was 38-5 in singles and 33-3 in doubles. Teammate Slavi Fildish, '10, posted a 12-3 singles mark.

WESTMINSTER

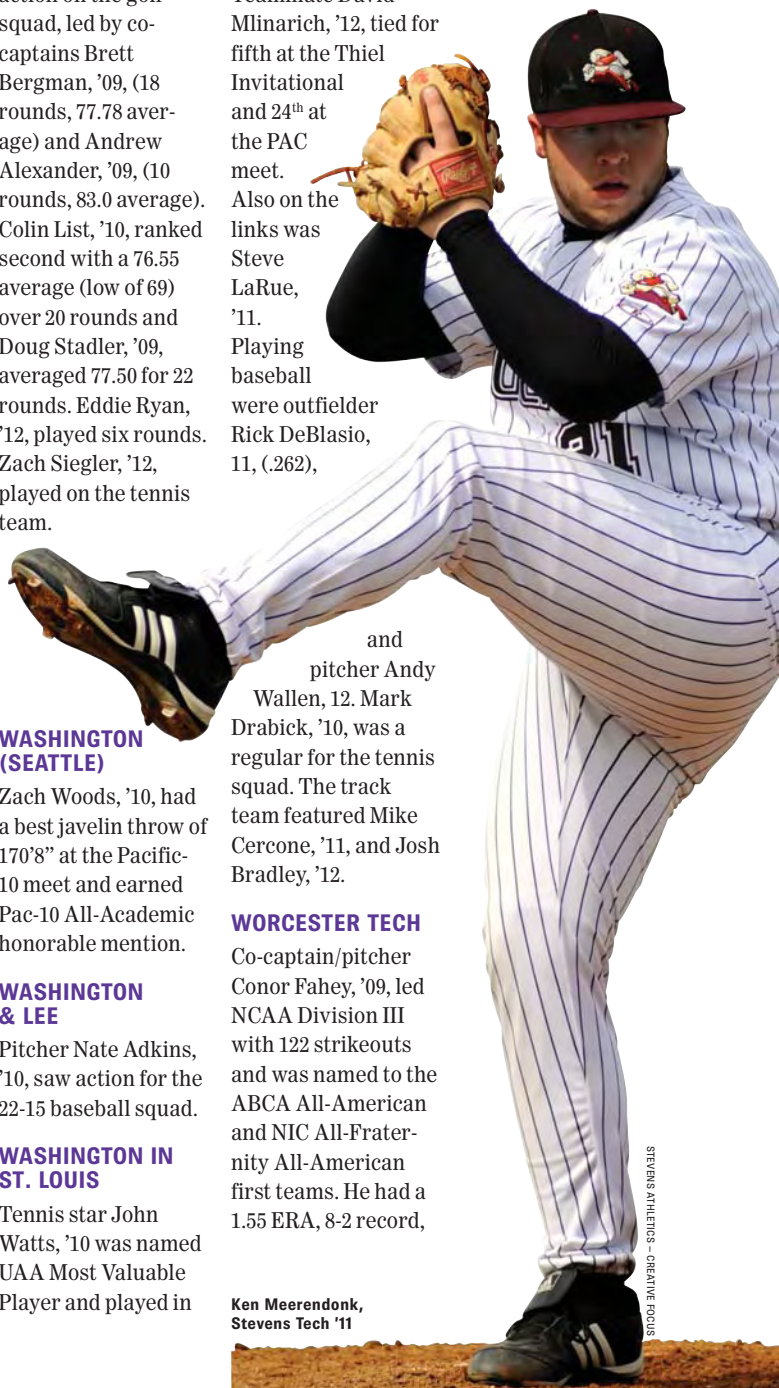
Golfer Jordan Flaim, '09, was on the PAC Academic Honor Roll. Teammate David Mlinarich, '12, tied for fifth at the Thiel Invitational and 24th at the PAC meet. Also on the links was Steve LaRue, '11. Playing baseball were outfielder Rick DeBlasio, '11, (.262),

and pitcher Andy Wallen, '12. Mark Drabick, '10, was a regular for the tennis squad. The track team featured Mike Cercione, '11, and Josh Bradley, '12.

WORCESTER TECH

Co-captain/pitcher Conor Fahey, '09, led NCAA Division III with 122 strikeouts and was named to the ABCA All-American and NIC All-Fraternity All-American first teams. He had a 1.55 ERA, 8-2 record,

three saves and 104.2 innings pitched. He was also ECAC New England Pitcher of the Year and played in the New England All-Star Game at Fenway Park. Also playing was catcher Justin Deveau, '10. Competing in track was sprinter/jumper Todd LeClerc, '10.



Ken Meerendonk,
Stevens Tech '11

Over 1300 SigEps honor and inspire each other to leave their mark



Over 800 undergraduates and nearly 500 alumni and volunteers descended upon the Rosen Shingle Creek resort in Orlando, Florida this past August for the 51st Grand Chapter Conclave.

After a legislative kick-off

on Wednesday evening, each day featured its own theme: Sound Mind, Sound Body on Thursday; Brotherly Love and Leadership on Friday; and Personal and Professional Development on Saturday. Nearly 80 programs and masterful attention to detail led many to comment that this Conclave was one of the best organized and most energized they had attended.

Journal readers can find daily Conclave news, legislative highlights, key speeches and literally hundreds of photos from the event at www.sigepconclave.com. In these next few pages and on the back cover, we focus on the honorees, those alumni, chapters and undergraduates who bring honor to the SigEp name, who make the Fraternity different, who show others how to leave their mark by leaving one of their own.



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Alumni dedicate countless hours to Fraternity, humanity

By STEVE DORSEY, American '09

I sat on stage in front of several hundred people—exiting my position as a Student Director on the National Board—just as I had begun two years ago, with lights glaring on me, reflecting on my Fraternity experience. It's been an unforgettable few years as an undergraduate, and then serving the Fraternity as an alumnus—albeit only for a few months.

But that does not compare to the endless working hours of eight alumni, honored at the 51st Conclave's premiere event, the Alumni Awards dinner. The Sigma Phi Epsilon Citation and Order of the Golden Heart recipients have dedicated decades to their fields, professions, Fraternity and brothers.

The following brief descriptions offer only a glimpse of the contributions from these alumni who the Fraternity has honored for their achievements, their dedication and their commitment to SigEp and beyond. [Read more and watch videos of these recipients at www.sigeconclave.com.](http://www.sigeconclave.com)

The SigEp Citation

Three alumni received the Sigma Phi Epsilon Citation, which honors a small group of members who have achieved a laudable level of accomplishment in their professional life. Since the award was first presented in 1965, 228 brothers have been so honored.

Gene Keady, Kansas State '58

As a NCAA Division I basketball coach for Purdue, he became the “winningest” coach in the program's history with 505 wins, including many appearances in the NCAA Tournament, during his tenure from 1980 to 2005. He also served as assistant coach for the 2000 U.S. Olympic basketball team.

Right Rev. Jack M. McKelvey, Delaware '63

As an ordained Episcopal minister, he has led several dioceses, including those of Newark, Delaware, and Rochester. He has also written several articles on Christian education and team-building. “My experience in the Sigma Phi Epsilon community is one of the three most important leadership development experiences in my life,” he said.

Dr. John P. Kotter, MIT '68

As a distinguished professor at the Harvard Business School, he is an expert in the field of corporate leadership, authoring several ground-breaking books on the topic. He became a tenured professor at Harvard at the age of 33.

“Congratulate me? No. No. I showed up to congratulate you. Good work. Keep it up.”

DR. JOHN P. KOTTER, MIT '68

Order of the Golden Heart

This award, now in its 50th year, is bestowed upon brothers who have shown outstanding dedication and personal sacrifice to Sigma Phi Epsilon as alumni. The first OGH was awarded to William L. Phillips, “Uncle Billy,” in 1959. It has been presented to 143 brothers.

Judge David Roman, Cornell '73

Traveling over 200 miles each month to attend meetings as AVC President for the Cornell chapter, Brother Roman has led alumni and undergraduates across the region and nation, for more than three decades. During his time as an undergraduate, he served as chapter president, and was honored with the Sigma Phi Epsilon Distinguished Alumni Award in 1998.

Dean Duncan, Indiana State '52

Brother Duncan has been dedicated to the Fraternity for over a half-century. He began his SigEp experience as a Founding Father of his chapter. He continues to serve on the AVC, often requiring hours-long trips to and from the chapter.

John Abraham, Cincinnati '77

Brother Abraham's dedication to alumni service has earned his chapter 11 consecutive Buchanan Cups since 1989. Abraham is a proud supporter of the Balanced Man Scholarship, and coordinated his chapter's 50th anniversary that more than 500 alumni attended.

“If you care about your chapter, commit yourself, right now, to volunteer after you graduate.”

TOM GRAY, KANSAS '77

Tom Gray, Kansas '77

For over 30 years, Brother Gray has been an active alumnus of the Fraternity, and the driver of several successful capital campaigns for his chapter. In April 1987, he led the chapter to recover from a devastating fire that destroyed the chapter house.



See Citation and Order of the Golden Heart speeches at www.sigeconclave.com.



Keady



McKelvey



Kotter



Roman



Duncan



Abraham



Gray



Prouty

Jeff Prouty, Iowa State '78

Brother Prouty has served in many leadership capacities of the Fraternity on chapter, regional, and national levels. He most recently served on the National Board of Directors. After graduation, he served as a Regional Director. He started a consulting firm at the age of 31.



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Yale '10



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Adam Motycka
Toledo '10

Doud-Clayton recipient inspired to help fallen soldier's family

The touching photograph of fallen Marine Major Trane McCloud, Tennessee '89, on the *Journal's* In Memoriam page propelled Renato Villacorte, CalPoly-Pomona '91, into action. He too had been a Marine and felt a deep connection to and empathy for

McCloud's wife and three children. He connected with Snowball express, an organization dedicated to the children of fallen soldiers, and helped raise money for the family to go to Disneyland. He greeted them, and hosted them for the

week. "His efforts truly exemplify brothers helping brothers, that Jim Clayton Tennessee '57, (and Wally Doud, Wisconsin '48) sought to encourage," said Maggie McCloud, McCloud's wife. For this effort and his fundraising to

help SigEp vets with a Fallen Brothers Fund at the SigEp Foundation, Villacorte was recognized with the Doud-Clayton award. The award is a grant of \$10,000 which recipients can use to issue scholarships to deserving SigEps.



Renato Villacorte, CalPoly- Pomona '91

2009 Conclave By the Numbers



20 Years since the Honor of Philias was first awarded

229 Chapters represented

1,354 Total meals served at Conclave functions

3,841 Total number of registrants

28/18 Resolutions considered / Resolutions passed

599,249 Miles traveled for undergraduates to attend Conclave

271 Total Educational Foundation umbrellas used to get attendees to the Balanced Man Celebration during a torrential downpour

50 years
since member
restrictions were
removed...

are we diverse?

By RYAN SUGDEN
Wisconsin '06

In the early 1950s, the country was beginning to integrate the federal workforce and the military. Color barriers were slowly eroding in professional sports. SigEp was also a forerunner in setting the stage for integration by beginning to debate about its membership requirements. This effort came to a turning point at the 26th Grand Chapter Conclave.

It was called the Conclave of Progress. In September 1959, nearly 700 SigEps gathered in Washington, D.C., to debate the future of the Fraternity. In a city where segregation was still widely practiced, legislation to lift a restriction that limited fraternity membership to white Christians was introduced, hotly debated and overwhelmingly approved. In protest, prominent leaders in the Fraternity threatened to renounce the brotherhood that they had created. Despite their efforts, the race barrier had been broken. After this Conclave, Sigma Phi Epsilon would never look the same.

What sense of justice drove these men to swim against the tide of segregation? Five decades later, are we a more diverse Fraternity? And how can we continue to build a diverse brotherhood with members prepared to lead in an evermore multicultural and international society? Join the *SigEp Journal* as we look back on one of the most important milestones of the Fraternity's past and forward to the composition of the Fraternity's future.

New York City, 1959

Days before Conclave, **Bruce Hasenkamp, Dartmouth '60**, huddled with friend **William G. Tragos, Washington in St. Louis '56**, in Tragos' cramped New York apartment to put the finishing touches on an ambitious strategy to end the Fraternity's policy of racial and religious discrimination. They had spent the summer orchestrating a national letter-writing campaign to convince other chapters to approve the reform. "We just really worked," Tragos said of their strategy. "We planned for every response someone could have to the legislation."

Tragos was a veteran of the fight. At both the 1955 and 1957 Conclaves, he had attempted to reverse the policy but would fail to see it removed. Instead, with many chapters facing pressure from their universities to remove racial membership exclusions or face being kicked off campus, delegates at the 1955 Conclave voted to move the membership restriction from the by-laws to the Ritual. "We thought that was even worse because then

you're hiding it and lying about it," remarked Hasenkamp.

Little time remained before Dartmouth's April 1, 1960, deadline to change the national fraternity policy. Hasenkamp had been sent to Conclave by his chapter to avert disaster. "We were not only facing that deadline but happened to believe that it was wrong to pick our membership so narrowly," Hasenkamp said of the motivation to end the policy. "We could not see anything about being a good Christian that should tolerate discrimination."

As the Conclave opened, Hasenkamp knew he had the support of many chapters, district governors and Headquarters staff, but the situation remained tenuous. Members came to Conclave holding strong, divergent opinions on this issue and were determined to weigh in, much like the emerging national debate that was beginning to unfold. Among the dissenters of the measure were several prominent and older alumni.

"We knew that our problem would be going up against the older and more venerable" alumni, said Hasenkamp. After these vocal opponents addressed the delegates, Hasenkamp realized that they needed their own "old and venerable" to speak in favor of the measure. That man was District Governor **William E. Rogers, Pennsylvania State '16**, "who had a southern accent you could barely penetrate," Hasenkamp recalled. "I can still

hear him,” Hasenkamp said of Rogers as he rebutted one critic by telling him he was “living in 1901.”

The vote was a landslide: 134 for, 37 against. Membership in Sigma Phi Epsilon would no longer be defined by race, religion or background. Years before the federal government would pass the Civil Rights Act, with race riots flaring throughout the country, SigEp had voted to integrate the Fraternity.

Hasenkamp was ecstatic. Some delegates headed for a German restaurant to celebrate. The euphoria even caused **Truman “Sandy” Sanderson, WPI ’31**, a National Board member in 1959, Order of the Golden Heart recipient and “complete teetotaler” according to Hasenkamp, to enjoy a martini.

The elation wasn’t universal. Disgruntled alumni called a press conference to declare their anger with the reform. One alumnus tried to lead some chapters out of the Fraternity, but the attempt at secession failed. Hasenkamp said, “He called a parade and no one showed up to march.”

But the march of progress was on.

“True brotherhood has no color”

Are we a more diverse fraternity now 50 years after this historic vote?

Data are elusive. Demographic information of the Fraternity’s members is not collected, and success stories are anecdotal. Without data on the race of undergraduates and alumni, there is no quantitative way to assess progress. But by many signs, as diversity grew on college campuses across the nation, so did diversity in SigEp chapters.

Tragos served as a regional director and district governor. He has seen one of the traditional dividing lines disappear. Tragos said, “which religion you practice is no longer an issue” in the Fraternity.

Some chapters have been more successful than others in recruiting a diverse range of men. The dynamics of individual campuses, Greek systems and chapters are crucial to understanding diversity, many say.

David Wenzel, Cincinnati, ’06, who serves as Alumni and Volunteer Corporation president for the Northern Kentucky chapter, said

the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky chapters have very different memberships as a result of the dynamics of their respective campus Greek systems. At

“What’s past is prologue.”

~ SHAKESPEARE



Cincinnati, a university with a diverse student population, there are many traditionally African-American or Jewish fraternities. The SigEp chapter’s efforts to recruit minority students are hampered by many students’ desire to join the traditional organizations. Alternatively, the Northern Kentucky chapter has a number of openly gay, Indian-American and African-American brothers, this on a campus not as diverse as its neighbor to the north, Cincinnati.

At Virginia Commonwealth, the chapter is comprised of a racially diverse group of brothers. Chapter President **Richie Boe, ’10**, said that while diversity should be a factor and “should be in your mind” during recruitment, it has become a non-issue for the brothers at Virginia Commonwealth. “On a diverse campus, we don’t have to focus on [recruiting for diversity]. If you are doing all the right things, it shouldn’t be a problem.”

For **Victor Wilson, Georgia Renaissance**, executive vice president of student affairs at the College of Charleston, “true brotherhood has no color.” However, he said using traditional African-American or Hispanic fraternities as an excuse for low diversity in SigEp is not the whole story. “Not all black males want to be a member of a traditional African-American house.” It takes a strong and unique type of student to look beyond traditional cultural fraternities, Wilson said, and these are exactly the type of men who ought to be SigEps. But extra effort must be made to recruit them. Imagine the anxiety a minority student feels entering a white fraternity on his own, Wilson said. “It’s no different [a feeling] than that of a white student pledging Alpha Phi Alpha (a traditionally African-American fraternity).”

Wilson played an instrumental role in forming the first integrated fraternity at the

“We see the need for **recruiting for diversity**; we see that diversity makes us a stronger chapter.”

~ UTAH STATE CHAPTER PRESIDENT
ALEX PUTNAM, ’09

University of Georgia. In 1997, while serving in the university administration, Wilson was approached by a student who wanted to bring the SigEp chapter back to campus. Seeing that fraternities at Georgia were divided along racial lines, Wilson and **Bart Newman, Georgia ’99**, set out to recruit a diverse group of men. “I was the one who was hesitant and doubtful at first, actually,” Wilson said. But a handful of African-American students were among the first two dozen recruits, making SigEp the first previously all-white, now integrated fraternity in the University of Georgia’s history. The chapter was disrespected for having an integrated house and excluded from the Interfraternity Conference. They were even told that “sororities wouldn’t want to have socials with us because we had black brothers,” Wilson said. After the SigEp chapter began thriving as an integrated fraternity, the IFC requested that SigEp join, Wilson recalled. And as for the sororities staying away from SigEp? “That was not true at all.”

Diverse experiences prepare men for adult life

While race or ethnicity is the most visible marker of a chapter’s diversity, recruiting men from diverse economic, geographic and social backgrounds can also prepare members for their post-graduate experience. Chapters can expand diversity when they recruit men of



ABOVE: Northern Kentucky gathers for a recruitment event. FACING PAGE: Virginia Commonwealth brothers take a break during their spring retreat. Chapter experiences that involve people from diverse backgrounds are vital to preparing members for living and working in a multicultural society.

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~ JEFF PROUTY, IOWA STATE '78

distinct academic and professional interests, divergent political opinions, all ranges of socioeconomic status and be accepting of different lifestyles, including sexual orientation.

Diversity in this sense is what creates the unique personality of a chapter, former National Board member **Jeff Prouty, Iowa State '78**, said, and is a key factor in preparing students for the real world that lies beyond the college campus. “In professional settings, you will be better suited to lead and be successful because you’ve had exposure and interaction with people who are different than you.”

Interacting only with similar, like-minded brothers will harden stereotypes and assumptions about different cultures. With a diverse fraternity experience, our chapters can facilitate a learning experience that helps brothers capitalize on cultural differences rather than judge them. We simply would be doing a disservice to brothers if we do not

properly prepare them for an ever more multicultural world, Prouty said.

Even with a top-flight college degree in hand, Wilson said, students who have not met and interacted with people very different than themselves are missing a key educational component. “You are not preparing yourself” for the real world, he said. He admits that interacting with cultures other than those experienced during one’s childhood or early adult years is difficult and often uncomfortable, but its value cannot be overestimated.

Increasing diversity

While the value of diversity is largely uncontroversial, increasing it is a bit trickier. Chapters on mostly homogeneous campuses have small numbers of minority students to draw from. Setting quotas or recruiting men based on skin color runs counter to the principle of recruiting for character.

“We see the need for recruiting for diversity, we see that diversity makes us a stronger chapter,” Utah State Chapter President **Alex**

Putnam, '09, said, but the chapter doesn’t set a quota. “We are looking for the best men.”

Putnam acknowledged that it is a challenge to recruit and retain a diverse chapter at a university with a mostly homogeneous student population. “Our fraternity reflects the university’s population.” Most university students and SigEp brothers are white and members of the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, typical of Utah, Putnam said.

At Northern Kentucky, the chapter doesn’t target recruits of a specific background, but brothers do “consider it a plus if the new member will add something that the chapter doesn’t already have,” Wenzel reported.

Improving diversity requires chapters to expand where they focus recruitment efforts. Wenzel suggested it’s like fishing, “If you only fish in a lake, you can only catch certain types of fish. If you fish in the ocean, you open up a whole new world of possibilities.”

At a minimum, Wenzel said, chapters should be holding events in new student communities. The benefits are two-fold,

Actions you can take to increase diversity in your chapter

Recruit in new places.

Identify groups, organizations and other areas of campus life that are under-represented in your chapter and reach out to them. Hold events, meetings or simply facilitate discussion. This might be uncomfortable and new, but the benefits in the long run will be valuable personal and professional development for members.

Have the discussion.

Talking openly and honestly about diversity in your chapter and discussing its value is an important first step.

Discussion points: How have you benefited from diverse environments? What is the risk of not increasing the diversity of your chapter? Where is diversity playing out in other areas of your life—music and film interests, hometowns, academics—and how do you benefit?

Make it known: Diversity is important.

Be vocal about your support of diversity in your chapter. Don’t shy away from stating your desire to include men from many ethnicities, perspectives, and social backgrounds. Making others aware of your interest in creating an inclusive brotherhood will make SigEp an attractive place for men seeking a balanced and diverse fraternity experience.

Celebrate your diversity.

Give your brothers a platform to celebrate their unique background or heritage. Host a Jewish Seder or discuss Native American history. Simply encouraging brothers to speak about their unique background, hometown or heritage is important. Discussing one’s differences can be a powerful way to create common bonds.

Avoid cultural conflicts and ban offensive actions.

Is your chapter inadvertently scheduling events on religious holidays? Do you host insensitive events like “Run for the Border” parties? Does your chapter allow offensive or homophobic speech? Creating a balanced chapter and diverse fraternity experience requires that brothers respect one another. Practice an atmosphere of respect by avoiding cultural and religious conflicts and banning hateful speech.

Reach out.

Developing Sound Mind programming that extends to less privileged or under-represented communities is important for the education of brothers. Become a Big Brother, host military veterans, hold joint events with minority fraternities and sororities or host an international dinner with other student groups. The outcome will be fun, fulfilling and quite delicious.

“If an event leads to a new member – great – but it will build cultural competency no matter what.”

A future priority?

Where does increasing diversity fit as a national priority?

The role of the national Fraternity, according to Past Grand President **Steve Shanklin, Murray State '70**, is to raise awareness of the issue of diversity for a chapter if it isn't sufficiently aware of and actively looking to increase diversity. “If a chapter isn't self-aware, it is our responsibility to raise the issue.”

A good goal for a chapter, Shanklin said, is to reflect the diversity of its campus, and be mindful that SigEp should not be an organization defined by socio-economic status. “We do not need to be an elitist boys club” that many students cannot afford. For campuses and chapters that are not very diverse, Shanklin recommends that chapters should seek out new experiences that challenge their existing worldview. “If necessary, the chapter needs to go off campus to experience different cultures, to get the rich and robust fraternity experience that is the result of exposure to diversity.”

For Cincinnati's Wenzel, diversity cannot be treated like a numerical goal to be completed. “Increasing diversity should be a national priority and priority for all chapters, but it isn't something you can put on a checklist.”

Wilson believes that more needs to be done to increase diversity. “I'm not trying to champion quotas or affirmative action. I'm trying to champion greater effort.” For Wilson, recognition of the need for greater diversity is there, but the action is lagging. “We can't keep talking about preparing young men to be balanced leaders of the world's communities if our own communities don't look like the rest of the world's.”

What to expect in 2059

Reflecting back on the historic 1959 vote, Tragos said that one of the Fraternity's potential weaknesses turned out to be its greatest asset. SigEp saw most of its growth after World War II, and most alumni were younger than those in other national fraternities at the time. In addition, undergraduates have a significant majority of votes at the Conclave which allowed them to take up and overwhelmingly pass a reform that was



radical for its time. Had there been many more alumni voting at the Conclave like other fraternities saw, Tragos doubts it would have passed.

The same dynamic remains today. While SigEp's alumni rolls have swollen in recent decades, the majority of votes at Conclave are still cast by undergraduates. The power to make change rests with them.

So, what can we expect to happen in the Fraternity in the next 50 years?

Today's generation seems poised to achieve a greater level of diversity. This “Millennial” generation is more apt to discuss race and embrace new cultures. Studying abroad is a more common occurrence.

SigEp has a history of embracing changing times and needs to cultivate the diverse backgrounds of our brothers to create a better Fraternity. As D.A. and Sara Biggs wrote in the same 1959 *Journal* that announced the removal of the membership exclusion: “The ability to change indicates a healthy, seeking, growing state of mind; to remain unmoved leads to stagnation. In order to change, the members of a fraternity must shake themselves from their comfortable niche, must view themselves objectively, and then take the necessary steps in the direction they wish to go.”



TOP: Attendees of the legendary 1959 Conclave in Washington D.C., where the Fraternity removed racial and religious member restrictions.

ABOVE: Bruce Hasenkamp, Dartmouth '60, (to left of man in safari hat) checks in to the 1959 Conclave. He would be an instrumental player in getting the resolution passed that year.

“To do all the talking and not be willing to listen is a form of greed.”

~ DEMOCRITUS OF ABDERA

Alumni News

Restoring Hubble: Astronaut helps preserve space telescope



Journal readers may recall a story in our Spring 2007 issue about **Andrew Feustel, Purdue '89**, an astronaut selected for the final servicing mission of the Hubble space telescope. After several years of intensive training and a few delays, Feustel and his six crewmates took off from the Kennedy Space Center on May 11, 2009, for a two-week mission that included five spacewalks to repair and upgrade the telescope's powerful instrumentation. These upgrades will enhance the Hubble's ability to record and analyze the cosmic frontier and extend its space life to 2014. The *Journal* caught up with Feustel to ask a few questions about this experience, an honor bestowed on those precious few people who get to travel through space.

Journal: How did your experience in space compare to training for space travel?

The space walk training in the pool (a vast water environment used to simulate space on land) was very similar to the point that I thought that we were in the pool, except the view was really different! There was a certain level of comfort and familiarity. What was really different was the ability to stay still. You can actually do it in space but not in training. There was always some affect of gravity on the ground. Still, you have to concentrate on not moving and try not to push off of anything.

What surprised you?

The ability of our minds to become

normalized to the environment. I could talk to other crew members upside down or easily float something toward them. Within an hour it all seemed normal to be talking sideways or upside down. Once we landed, my legs were just not prepared to hold my body weight. Even my arms felt incredibly heavy.

What was the most exciting moment?

The first spacewalk was set up to replace the Wide Field Camera 2 with the Wide Field Camera 3. The bolt was stuck, really stuck. I'm realizing that I can't get it out, and it's extremely important for the mission. What a way to kick things

off! Fortunately with support from the ground control teams and the proper tools we got it removed. It took only about 30-40 minutes of additional time. Once we got past that, everything went pretty well.

What helped you the most when it came down to actually repairing the telescope?

Two things. Training over the past three years as a team with mission control every day. And for me, it was past experience working with tools and working on cars. That was one of the key components. Other crewmates brought different assets to the mission like specialized education and analytical skills.

How would you describe the physical demands of the job?

We spent a lot of time on physical conditioning to get us ready. Spacewalks can be fairly taxing, and the average age of the crew is about 45. I'm close to being in the best physical condition in my life. At 43, I'm in better

shape than I've been in the past 15-20 years. It's especially significant in recovery, which is difficult. You certainly don't want your physical condition to be in the way of the mission.

What did this fulfill in terms of your career?

I spent nine years in the program waiting to fly in space and have the opportunity to share the experience with friends and family. They went to the launch and watched me get rocketed in space knowing that they had a part in getting me there. Then they got to see the results of the efforts: to allow the world community to continue to benefit from seeing the wonders of the universe. That's big stuff.

What's next for you?

Getting back in line for next trip!

Feustel recently got word that he has been selected for a new mission to the International Space Station in late 2010.

Pacheco's portrait of Gandhi appears on international stamp

The United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) has issued a New York definitive stamp in the denomination of \$1.00 which depicts an image of Mahatma Gandhi painted



by **Ferdie Pacheco, Florida '50**. *Journal* readers will remember other examples of Pacheco's intensely colorful and compelling images of famous people featured in a cover story from the Spring 2008 issue.

The stamp was issued

on the International Day of Non-Violence, October 2, also Gandhi's birthday.

This is the latest in a long line of accomplishments for Pacheco. He was a pharmacist, physician, and "fight doctor" for Muhammad Ali and other boxing champions for 17 years. After a decades-long boxing commentator career, he has focused primarily on his art. And now, he has an international platform to share it. The UNPA says of Pacheco: "As a painter, his imaginative use of color and design and his aggressive use of vivid, slashing colorful patterns exude a sense of strength expressing the bold and gutsy personal statements of a man who has immersed himself fully in life."



Readers interested in more information about Pacheco or the stamp can go to www.sigep.org/journal



Hubble telescope pushing off from Atlantis

Oh, the places a SigEp still goes...

By **MICHAEL SELBY**, Eastern Michigan '02



Roger Gilbertson, Georgia Tech '58, reading to the Samantha Long clubhouse of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, in Washington, D.C.

He probably couldn't have imagined, when "Dr. Seuss" **Theodor Geisel, Dartmouth '25**, penned his famous book, *Oh the Places You'll Go!* in 1990, that it would lead him to the California Hall of Fame.

Last year, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver announced that Geisel would be inducted posthumously into the California Hall of Fame, located at The California Museum for History, Women and the Arts. The induction ceremony took place last December, and Geisel's widow, Audrey, accepted the honor in his place.

Geisel joins an accomplished and varied class of inductees including actors Jane Fonda and Jack Nicholson, scientist and Nobel laureate Linus Pauling and musicians Dave Brubeck and Quincy Jones.

In 2002, the Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden opened in his birthplace, Springfield, Mass. On March 2, 2009, Google celebrated Seuss's work as well. The website temporarily changed its logo to commemorate Geisel's birthday—a practice it often follows for holidays and events.

At his alma mater, where over 90% of incoming first-year students participate in Dartmouth Outing Club trips into the New Hampshire wilderness, students returning from the trips stay overnight at Dartmouth's Moosilauke Ravine Lodge. Here they are served green eggs and ham for breakfast in honor of Dr. Seuss.

Perhaps the most enduring effect of Dr. Seuss has been in the lives of children. In March 2009, the SigEp Feds, an alumni group based in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, organized its third annual Cat in the Hat Month Volunteer Reading Program. SigEp Feds alumni volunteers coordinate reading days with local elementary schools and other education-minded, civic organizations such as chapters of the Boys & Girls Club and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. "I read for about an hour—with plenty of audience participation," remembers Rear Admi-



Ed Potter, George Mason '85, reading to Fair Hill Elementary School in Fairfax, Va.

ral **Roger Gilbertson, Georgia Tech '58**, USN Retired, "Reading is fundamental [and] SigEp is lucky to have had Dr. Seuss as a member."

With initiatives like the SigEp Feds events and a similar program recently held by the brothers at Loyola, Seuss keeps inspiring us to love reading and the power of imagination. It seems altogether fitting that Theodor Geisel would be honored with an invitation by Governor Schwarzenegger to join the California Hall of Fame.

As we look fondly upon the life and legacy of our brother, we are left with only one question: Did he succeed? Yes, he did indeed. (98% guaranteed.)

"Dignity does not consist in possessing honors, but in deserving them."

~ ARISTOTLE



25th anniversary brings Loyola's charter out of hiding

Loyola's Louisiana Gamma Chapter celebrated its 25th anniversary over a weekend last November. The main event took place at The Republic, in the New Orleans warehouse district. *Left to right:* Order of the Golden Heart Recipient **John H. Stanley Jr.**,

Arkansas '64, who presented the original charter to the chapter in 1983, is joined by Chapter President **Tyler Cocek, Loyola '09**, and Alumni and Volunteer Corporation President **James T. Hannan, Loyola '99**, with the chapter's rarely seen charter. The charter, which

had to be reissued fifteen years ago, is rarely on view and kept in a secret location after being stolen twice from the chapter house. The chapter and the AVC distributed several awards, and the brothers were pleased to have Past Grand President

Steve Shanklin, Murray State '70, among them. Six of the chapter's founders attended and each was presented with a 25-year pin. A video presentation along with fireworks and confetti brought the event to a memorable close.

Memphis alum has a hip hop hit

By **DEREK MILLER**, Memphis '11

Popular music has changed many times throughout the last century, and so has the probability of making it big in the music industry. However, **Dusty “Dizzy D” Warren**, **Memphis '07**, is well on his way to living his dreams with the release of his Billboard single, “What It Be Like,” which peaked at No. 1 on *Billboard Magazine’s* Hot Singles Sales Chart, beating out popular artists like Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, M.I.A., and Madonna. Warren’s song also ranked 68th on the Top 100 Airplay Chart for R&B and hip-hop songs on the radio.

Warren grew up around music, gaining musical experience through his church choir and talent shows.

with family, and being a brother in Sigma Phi Epsilon is a lot of stuff to work around,” he said.

“Being in SigEp has played a huge role in my success. The Balanced Man program was crucial in helping me organize what I was doing. I would have been lost without it.” Warren also acknowledges that brotherly love played a major role in getting him off the ground, stating, “I’ve never had anything but support from my brothers.”

While in school, Warren was involved in student recruitment, multi-cultural work, and new student orientation, as well as being voted *Greek Man of the Year*. He made it a point every day to reach out to all areas of the Greek community, vastly improving interfraternal relations on campus. These relationships and the foundation he built with other Greek organizations added to the

respect SigEp enjoys from others on the Memphis campus.

“Memphis is one of the hardest cities to make it in musically,” said Warren, but thanks to his unique style, diligence to work hard at his craft, and the love that he receives from brothers nationwide, Warren is expecting to realize his lifelong dream of making it big in the world of hip-hop. You can hear his music on iTunes.



Dusty “Dizzy D” Warren is making his way in the Memphis music scene with a Billboard hit single, “What it be like.”



success hasn’t come easily. “Being a college student, working a regular job, trying to make it in music, maintaining a strong relationship

Idaho State SigEps celebrate 50 years of friendship



Idaho State was established in 1958 as Idaho Alpha, and after 14 years of leadership in the Greek community, the chapter closed. The loyalty of brothers from this time was re-enlivened at their 50th reunion weekend last fall where brothers posed on the steps of the Idaho State Performing Arts Center. Friday golf and a reception led off the celebration of over 100 SigEps and friends. Brothers enjoyed the university’s homecoming parade, revisiting old hangouts, and extensive touring of the campus on Saturday. The evening was capped off with a dinner and silent auction. While Sunday morning was filled with goodbyes, the brothers of Idaho State will continue to hold on to their memories and appreciation of SigEp.

Soldier fulfills the heritage of his native land, serves in Israeli Defense Force

By **TOM BAUDENDISTEL**, Cincinnati '10

Even before graduating from Case Western Reserve last May, economics and finance major **Nadav Weinberg**, '08, was offered a dream job at Merrill Lynch. Instead, this Ruck Scholar did something that most college graduates would consider unconventional. He decided to return to Israel in order to fulfill every native-born Israeli's obligation to serve in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF). Born to an Israeli father and American mother, Weinberg has dual citizenship, exempting him from serving in the IDF. But this would not stop him from fulfilling his duty. "Knowing that my father fought in Lebanon and every one of my aunts, uncles and cousins has been in the IDF, I think it is my time. I'm patriotic, and I don't want to live my life with regrets, wishing I had done something," he said. His

"I don't want to live my life with regrets, wishing I had done something."

decision to serve in the IDF rather than the U.S. military was much simpler. "It is the duty of all Israeli citizens to serve their country. It is not required in the U.S.,

being a non-drafted army. If it was so, then I would fulfill my duty to serve in the U.S. military as well."

Weinberg has faced many hardships since his arrival in Israel. He has been forced to take

classes where English is prohibited in the classroom, he has been through grueling military training, detailed in his blog entries at nadavweinberg.blogspot.com. He has suffered from temporary hearing loss, and had to cope with the loss of a dear childhood friend in the United States.

He has immersed himself in a country wrought with terrorism and warfare saying, "You can watch CNN day and night, but until you see ashy craters and smell the rancid odor of burnt sand, you do not realize the true day-to-day fear that Israelis live with." Yet somehow he remains positive. He does not regret his decision to serve his country, and through all the mental and physical exhaustion, he maintains the positive motto that at the end of each day "life is good." His reunion with a SigEp brother at the airport was one of those moments that "make you see the big picture and make you realize what really matters. You don't realize what you have until you are away from it. Then when you get it back, it means even more," he said.

Weinberg was selected as one of only 35 to serve in the Orev Special Units Force of the Nachal Brigade. It is an anti-tank unit and part of the elite battalion of the Special Forces Units known as "Gasdar." The Orev Unit is named after the Orev anti-tank missile, and when not at war, the unit deals with high



Weinberg on duty in Hebron in the West Bank. He earned the right to carry his Negev, a 15-pound "light machine gun." Soldiers are encouraged to name their guns. He named his gun Kam, after his close childhood friend, Kambili Moukwa, who died suddenly in the States while Weinberg was in training in Israel.

security missions in Arab territories.

The best way to capture Weinberg's experience is through his blog, which will give readers a front row seat in the adventure that shows his character and resolve.

nadavweinberg.blogspot.com.

SigEp behind the scenes at Super Bowl XLIII

By **PATRICK ALBERTS**, South Florida '07

Past the grit and gridiron, underneath the highlights and the half time show, a network of personnel works tirelessly to create the spectacle that is the Super Bowl. SigEp was represented behind the scenes to pull it all together.

Pre-parties and charity events are happening throughout any Super Bowl week, but the spectacle for most people is the number of media that descend on the event. As an intern with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers since 2007, I was invited to work on the NFL Media staff for Super Bowl XLIII.

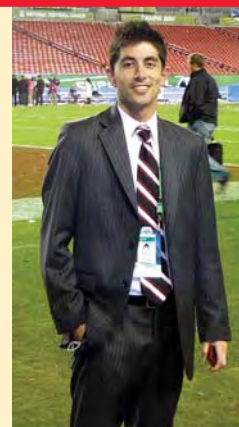
Networking allowed me the privilege to work with media from all over the world and side by side with the industry's biggest names. Dealing with pre-game media relations, from duties in the press box to gathering post game quotes in the NFC Champion locker room, I covered serious territory throughout Raymond James Stadium.

I appreciate the opportunity I had, value the relationships I built and treasure what I learned from my inside view of one of this country's biggest events of the year.

The amount of detail that goes into making sure that hundreds of

media personnel cover an event such as the Super Bowl is amazing. Lots of guys would love to be in this spot, and you can too if you have the drive.

I know that the Balanced Man program and its lessons on the importance of networking and being able to perform in the spotlight helped me. SigEp helped me to prepare for such an experience in other ways too. I understand that opening up to a group of professionals, listening, and communicating your ideas in order to work efficiently and successfully is vital. I learned that through events such as EDGE, chapter meetings, brotherhood events and Conclave. I realize that the tools and lessons learned within those four years helped me excel in the rest of my life, particularly on one incredible Sunday this past February.



Alberts has served as a Buccaneers intern since 2007

SigEp Tough: Brother handles serious duty on *America's Toughest Jobs*

Steve Hopper, Loyola Marymount '07, often has breaks between jobs in film production. During downtime in March 2008, he came across an ad on Craig's List for contestants to work on a crab boat, be a logger, and take on other tough and dangerous jobs. "I'm always looking for an adventure, so I answered the posting and interviewed the next day. One hundred on-camera questions later, the interviewer turned the camera off and said he'd be in touch." The producer chased after Hopper and stopped him for a conversation that went something like this:

Producer: Do you have a criminal record?

Hopper: No.

Producer: These jobs are extremely dangerous. Will you sign a form saying you will not sue NBC or us if you get injured or killed?

Hopper: Yes.

Producer: Can you leave for Alaska in two days?

Hopper: Yea. Whatever. Let's do it.

Hopper ended up on the TV show *America's Toughest Jobs* and placed second overall, which came with a 2008 Dodge pick-up and a whole new definition of sweat.

In Anchorage, after a last call to his mother, Hopper took a crash course in driving an 18-wheeler for the first time. He would be driving along the Trans-Alaskan Pipeline to a town called Deadhorse! The Dalton Highway there is considered one of the deadliest roads in the world. And things were just getting started.

Hopper would go on to work on a crab boat in the middle of the Bering Sea near Russia. On his birthday, he was running over cars and flying through the air in a monster truck, and he had a close call on the oil rig when he almost lost three fingers.

Hopper fought bulls in San Angelo and hung from an 80-story bridge in Long Beach, Calif., despite a fear of heights. "I learned an important lesson on that episode: 'It's all in your head.' Conquer that and you can do anything." About logging in Washington, he



Hopper played monster truck driver on one of his assignments with *America's Toughest Jobs*. He was at least afforded a fire-proof suit, but his guts had to take care of the rest.

said, "I hated my bosses and life. I have never worked so hard in my entire life."

Mountain rescue in Alaska's Denali National Park turned out to be Hopper's favorite job. "Looking back I've asked myself 'what was it all for?' I'm not entirely sure, but I do know that it was an experience of a lifetime. I pushed my body and mind to their limits and made it through every job," Hopper said. He also was inspired by a key market for the show, boys ages 5-12. Parents let him know their sons had found a role model in Hopper, an idea he relishes. "Knowing that some kid in the middle of Minnesota wanted to be like me was cool."

So what will Hopper do for an encore? He was disappointed in his 2nd place finish, but has moved on from that. "This show is just one of my adventures, and I'm on the hunt for the next one!"

SigEp completes New Zealand Ironman Triathlon at 51

By PATRICK MURPHREY, Christopher Newport '05

How does a SigEp celebrate turning 50?

Will Turner, Virginia Tech '80, decided he would complete an Ironman Triathlon, one of the most grueling athletic experiences the human body could endure. It consists of a 2.4-mile swim, 112 miles of cycling, and a 26.2-mile marathon. The Ironman Triathlon occurs across the globe, and Turner selected New Zealand, March 2009, for his date with destiny.

Turner's motivation was a milestone: "When I turned 50 last year it really hit me hard. I took a hard look at my life and said, 'What now? What is it that I want to experience and accomplish?' With lots of soul searching, one thing became painfully obvious. I was running out of time, and I had so much more to do, see and become."

Turner hired a personal coach to customize his training regimen. He pushed himself to new limits every day and said he was "looking pathetic but feeling exhilarated that I did it. The irony is that I look so 'dead' but feel so 'alive' when I've survived yet another workout." After completing five training races, overcoming a torn soleus, and surviving over 18 months of pre-dawn alarms to get in his workouts, Turner headed to New

Zealand for the opening gun.

As he left, Turner reflected on his motivation and the importance of balance in achieving our goals:

"So that's what this journey is all about, proving to myself that I don't have to settle. That I can accomplish whatever I set my mind to. That I can be over 50 and still be vital. That life is for living and not sitting on the sidelines. That a challenge is just an opportunity. And that I am strong in body, mind and spirit. I'm reminded of my favorite quote from Winston Churchill: 'A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity. An optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.'"

Turner completed his Ironman in 12 hours, 55 minutes and 27 seconds.

Turner is the President of Dancing Elephants Achievement Group and a district governor for SigEp. Read more about Turner's journey to the New Zealand Ironman at nzironman.wordpress.com.



Turner as he nears the half-way point in the run.

**"Life shrinks or
expands in proportion
to one's courage."**

~ ANAIS NIN



2008 Educational Foundation Report: New Foundation President appreciates brotherhood in tough times

By **DONALD W. HUDLER**, Ohio Wesleyan '56
President, Educational Foundation

I miss Ron.

In preparation for this report, I started working with the Foundation staff to give you a detailed list of accomplishments and pie charts regarding the countless scholarships we awarded and how our assets performed in the turbulent market, but this will be a different kind of report. So, I want to tell you about Ron and some other brothers, because you can probably relate.

The purpose of the Fraternity and Foundation is the people. We build men. We bring love and balance regardless of the campus, decade or diversity of background.

That is why you give time and money. That is why I volunteer my time and make an annual donation. That is why I have smiled as much as I have cried recently.

This has been a tough time for many of us at work and home. We worry a little more and spend a little less. Some have lost jobs, and some have had to stay on the job longer. Priorities have been pruned.

Yet it has still been a wonderful time for brotherhood. Our undergraduate brothers are still striving together daily to live their best lives. And, like me, you may have been the recipient of many tokens and signs of true

friendship that have lifted you for a day or month or longer. Some for small things and some for tragedies.

My last year has been carried on the shoulders of many people, starting with my wife Dannielle. She is a blessing to me. I love her.

I have also been blessed by the outreach of countless SigEp Brothers — some of whom you see in the picture accompanying this story. Those are my chapter Brothers from the 1950's at Ohio Wesleyan. We had a wonderful reunion last year, and their hugs and words mean more than they will ever know. I love them.

You do not see in the picture the brother I love and miss the most. Ron Hudler was my brother, not only my SigEp brother but my twin. He was killed in a senseless act of violence. It shattered his family, our family.

But just like you find every year on Ron's Christmas tree farms, life is returning.

Death and reunions put into perspective things like financial bailouts that lead to bankruptcy or watching assets we have built or saved being scattered to the winds. I have a different outlook than many of my peers on the difficulties of companies I helped build — General Motors and Saturn.



Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation President and Chairman of the Board Don Hudler (second row, second from right, wearing a button) was part of the Ohio Wesleyan's Ohio Epsilon 1950's reunion held last October in North Carolina.

In spite of current difficulties, I am optimistic about the future. Who would not be when you have family, brothers and friends like I do. Like we do.

So, when my fellow Foundation Trustees asked if I would take the gavel as President and Chairman of the Board in the middle of all this madness, I gladly said yes. Here is why.

While this fiscal year is the most trying since 2001-2002, thousands of brothers will make over \$1 million in charitable contributions that will benefit our younger brothers.

While our assets declined 25% in 2008, many others had far more serious market consequences. Bessemer Trust has managed our investments admirably in the face of uncertainty.

We had to make difficult decisions. We cut 40% of the grant promised for this year, trying to give as much as possible to the good work of the Fraternity while considering our long-term endowment capabilities.

Yet we — donors and volunteers — are still changing young men's lives.

SigEp Residential Learning Community initiatives continue to bring the best possible development experience and environment to young men across the country. Over half a million dollars given by alumni improved Fraternity houses.

The Balanced Man Program and the Leadership Continuum programs make SigEp a partner in higher education to 14,000 men on campus.

We have had a great response to our new donor groups — The Ducal Crown Society for young alumni and The Hoop of Steel Society for undergraduates. Over 500 undergraduates have made a gift in 2009.

And the best part is that thousands of our undergraduate Brothers have received scholarships and attended leadership programs while some around say the future may not be as bright. Try telling that to a SigEp who is pursuing his diploma with the same vigor as our band of Brothers did in Delaware, Ohio more than half a century ago.

Please join me in being optimistic.

I ask that you find a way to keep or put SigEp on your priority list. If all our 200,000 alumni gave the cost of a Christmas tree (or pick your own favorite holiday decoration), we would be able to increase our scholarships and grants even now.

SigEp alumni always respond and lead. We graduate, but we maintain responsibility. The Oath you and I took was to foster every worthy endeavor of Sigma Phi Epsilon. I can tell you that these fine young men in the nation's largest fraternity with the highest GPA are worthy.

What better investment is there these days?

Finally, I want to take a moment to recognize the should-

ers that have put me in this position to build men and pass on my love for SigEp.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation has been fortunate over the years to have caring and insightful Trustee leadership like Ed Zollinger, William & Mary '27, Curt Carlson, Minnesota '37, Bill Schreyer, Pennsylvania State '48 and "H" Clark, North Carolina State '56. We began 2009 celebrating another change in leadership as I followed Garry Kief's eight years as President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

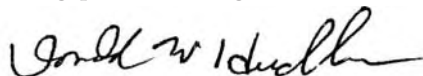
Garry has served as a Trustee since 1991 and has played a critical role in the team taking our Foundation

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from the Campaign for the Heart in the mid-90's through the transition of executive directors to the recent success in raising money to fund leadership programs and Residential Learning Community housing campaigns. He constantly reminds us to focus on delivering the best possible programs and the most scholarship money to the undergraduates — that we are making an investment in their today and our future. Garry's background in entertainment is helpful in keeping us focused on making an immediate impact on the lives of young men and constantly seeking their feedback.

I will always miss Ron, but I would like to thank the funny-looking guys in the picture and Garry and so many of you who have reached out to remind me what is important.

I promise more pie charts next time. The report that follows is designed to show where your investment is spent in scholarships and leadership programs. You will see how the national programs affect every chapter and that some chapters are doing a great job with chapter-specific scholarships. Any chapter can. Call the Foundation staff (804-421-GPA1) and go to www.sigepfoundation.org for details.



Undergraduates get started on their SigEp journey at the EDGE new member program in Colorado earlier this year.

Honor Roll of Giving

The Honor Roll of Giving recognizes the many generous alumni and friends who contributed in 2008 to programs of the Educational Foundation. On these two pages are the members of our top ten cumulative giving clubs. These are alumni and friends who have contributed gifts and binding pledges over the years which reach the cumulative level indicated. These clubs have additional members, but this list reports only those members who made a contribution to the Educational Foundation in 2008.

Hall of Honor | \$5,000,000+

William A. Schreyer
Penn State '48

Sigma Circle | \$2,500,000-4,999,999

James L. Clayton
Tennessee '57

Phi Circle | \$1,000,000-2,499,999

Mark W. Davis
Nebraska '90

A. J. Scribante
Kansas State '56

Donald W. Hudler
Ohio Wesleyan '56

William G. Tragos
Washington in St. Louis '56

Garry C. Kief
Southern California '70

Epsilon Circle | \$500,000-999,999

Christopher L. Bittman
Colorado '85

John R. Grayson
Purdue '46

W. H. Clark
North Carolina State '56

Sigma Senate | \$250,000-499,999

Denis H. Dieker, Jr.
Wichita State '77

Arthur J. Hurt, III
Davidson '88

Wallace C. Doud
Wisconsin '48

Andrew C. Land
Clemson '04

Thomas O. Hicks
Texas-Austin '68

Steven A. Nienke
Wichita State

H. Lorenz Horn
Florida '56

Chairman's Circle | \$100,000-249,999

Scott A. Baxter
Buffalo State '84

Frank T. Ko
Pepperdine '97

Scott H. Bice
Southern California '65

Shawn McKenna
Maine '77

Edward H. Blackburn*
Penn State '43

Mark J. Owens
Wichita State '86

Roger C. Chapman
Texas-Austin '49

B. M. Rankin, Jr.
Texas-Austin '50

John M. Corby
Arizona State '74

Jack L. Sunday
South Carolina '71

C. Dean Davis
North Texas '52

Michael C. Williams
Memphis '69

Dean Duncan
Indiana State '52

*deceased

Red Door Trust | \$50,000-99,999

Thomas G. Allardyce
Lamar '70

Marvin E. Lampton
Kansas '64

A. G. Atwater, Jr.
Drake '64

Douglas S. MacDonald*
Rutgers '56

Christopher M. Coleman
Kansas State '01

Gregory J. Pusinelli
Indiana '80

Mitchell G. Crane
West Chester '77

Eugene C. Schurg, Jr.
Davis & Elkins '77

Cicero A. Frazier*
North Carolina '34

Richard D. Shiney*
Kansas State '52

Rex E. Garrelts
Kansas State '68

Robert C. Stempel
WPI '55

John M. George
Auburn '76

Roger H. VanHoozer
Washburn '72

Carey E. Heckman
Dartmouth '76

Jack D. Wheeler
North Texas '61

Patrick C. Henry
Georgia Tech '86

G. Duncan Wimpres
Oregon '46

Kent B. Hickman
Colorado '61

Charles N. White, Jr.
Western Michigan '62

J. Gregory Keller
Missouri-Columbia '86

Brothers of the Heart | \$25,000-49,999

David L. Balint
Cleveland State '69

Conrad W. Hewitt
Illinois '58

Michael R. Borkan
SUNY-Binghamton '86

Michael D. Hurst
Missouri S&T '74

Donald A. Burgio
RPI '89

Thomas B. Jelke
Florida International '90

Clark H. Byrum, Sr.
Indiana '57

Jeffery L. Johnson
Colorado '89

Robert C. Connor
North Texas '64

Joseph W. Langella, Jr.
Connecticut '83

Phillip A. Cox
Indiana '84

Paul H. Litcher
Indiana Tech '88

Stephen T. Diltz
Arizona State '90

William R. T. Oakes III
Georgia Tech '91

Conrad J. Eberstein
Pennsylvania '65

Harold A. Poling
Monmouth '49

Jack J. Faussemagne
Georgia Tech '64

Barry Z. Posner
California-Santa Barbara '70

Jere D. Fluno
Wisconsin '63

E. Preston Rahe, Jr.
Georgia Tech '64

Glenn T. Gnirrep
Rutgers '82

James F. Rippey
Oregon '53

Jay K. Harness
Arizona '65

Paul T. Steffens, Jr.
Thiel '70

John W. Hartman
Missouri-Columbia '61

John K. Tyler
Texas-Austin '63

Bruce H. Hasenkamp
Dartmouth '60

Kelly L. Williams
Tennessee '92

Bailey's Brothers | \$10,000-24,999

John P. Ayres Kansas State '68	Christopher S. Fidyk Columbia '02	Columbus L. Johnson, Jr. Sacramento State '85	John W. Mosch Pennsylvania '39	David R. Reynolds Kansas State '65	Max Supica Kansas State '64
Anthony C. Balestrieri George Washington '03	Michael T. Fogarty Fairleigh Dickinson '77	Craig S. Kaufman Washington in St. Louis '86	Kent C. Nelson Ball State '59	Joel T. Rickman Missouri S&T '95	Howard E. Teagarden Kansas State '43
Richard W. Bennet, III Central Missouri '74	L. Kent Fowler Evansville '85	Gerald W. Kehle Southern California '58	Galen O. Norby Kansas State '71	David J. Roman Cornell '73	John W. Thatcher Davidson '48
James R. Bernard Western Michigan '60	Michael A. Green California-Berkeley '62	Max A. Krey Kansas State '49	John J. O'Hara Missouri S&T '76	Frank E. Rutherford* East Tennessee State '57	Robert W. Thurman Wichita State '75
Lawrence J. Biacchi Penn State '89	Melvin H. Haas Cincinnati '62	James D. Latham Kansas State '68	Derek L. Pardee SUNY-Buffalo '83	Michael H. Sanders South Carolina '70	Michael J. Transue Oklahoma '66
Herbert H. Bullock Northern Arizona '78	Richard A. Hallahan, Jr. Missouri S&T '62	Richard G. Long, Jr. Colorado State '79	F. David Parrott North Carolina State '55	Stephen B. Shanklin Murray State '70	Dale D. Wagner Wichita State '71
George A. Chappell Missouri S&T '59	Edward H. Hammond Emporia State '66	Kenneth S. Maddox Oregon State '75	D. Cary Peaden Wichita State '76	Gary Shepard Boston '61	James H. Warsaw Oregon '69
B. Joe Clayton Tennessee '57	Ken E. Hansing* Georgia '71	Phillip N. Maisano Belmont Abbey '69	Brian B. Plombon George Mason '84	William G. Sikes, Jr. East Tennessee State '57	Leo W. Wehkamp Wichita State '72
David W. Detjen Washington in St. Louis '70	Bert J. Harris, III Florida '74	Richard A. Matthes Drake '64	Mark W. Pray Kansas State '71	Michael D. Smith Missouri S&T '65	R. Eric Weise Cincinnati '54
Matthew T. Domenici Texas-Arlington '94	Michael B. Harris San Jose State '62	William J. Mayor Missouri-Columbia '69	Jeffrey D. Prouty Iowa State '78	Vernon C. Smith Missouri-Columbia '72	Charles E. Wilson, Jr. Kansas State '62
John M. Eber Bradley '73	Thomas W. Hatfield Texas Wesleyan '75	Craig M. McDaniel South Carolina '76	Troy Queen Florida '96	C. Thomas Snyder Wichita State '62	John S. Witemeyer, III Rutgers '55
Arthur R. Ehrnschwender Cincinnati '48	Stephen W. Hayes Wichita State '79	George M. McIlveen Cincinnati '56	Wendell G. Rakosky Baldwin-Wallace '78	Lauren D. Sperry Missouri S&T '71	Jay D. Yancey Kansas State '54
Roger R. Festa Truman State '72	Donald E. Heard Houston '89	Roger A. Mermelstein Miami (Florida) '87	Jorey E. Ramer MIT '95	Todd R. Stanley Rutgers '85	Archer L. Yeatts, III Richmond '64
	David D. Jenkins Colorado State '64	Hank Moonjean Southern California '52	Philip G. Rector Georgia Tech '55	Chuck Stegman Colorado '81	John E. Zollinger, Jr. Lehigh '57

Zollinger Associates | \$5,000-9,999

Robert L. Anderson Pennsylvania '50	Howard A. Coleman Kansas State '31	Daniel A. Greef Wichita State '72	Jay F. Lombardo North Texas '85	Mario A. Perez North Texas '87	Richard D. Skinner Missouri S&T '64
Frederick E. Barton Evansville '66	Matthew S. Costa* Tulane '03	G. William Gregory Syracuse '55	R. Terry Lyle Florida '48	Karl L. Perrey Missouri-Columbia '85	Donald K. Smith Maryland-College Park '54
Lawrence L. Biacchi Friend of Sigma Phi Epsilon	Richard D. Cowell Washington in St. Louis '52	Richard M. Hanley Toledo '85	Michael L. Mann Southern California '78	Robert S. Peteuil Evansville '91	Loran B. Smith* Washburn Renaissance
Ron S. Binder Toledo '83	Edward E. Dahlkamp San Diego State '63	Peter G. Hansen Missouri S&T '53	Robert L. Mannfeld Purdue '47	Donald L. Piper North Dakota '68	Thomas C. Smith Nebraska '67
Jeffrey M. Birdsell Arizona '87	Steven D. Daniels Lambuth '78	Allen W. Harmann Cincinnati '62	Thomas C. Mays, III Lamar '76	William L. Porter, III South Carolina '93	Drew A. Springer, Jr. North Texas '89
Gary R. Black Utah State '63	Brett R. Danko Pennsylvania '90	Norman T. R. Heathorn MIT '57	Ralph B. Metzger Penn State '37	W. Clifford Price, III North Texas '88	Paul D. Stephenson Kansas State '66
Gary W. Blauth Stevens Tech '66	John E. Davis Western Carolina '87	Robert J. Heintzelman Texas-Austin '88	John D. McClure Sacramento State '54	James E. Pruitt, Jr. Georgia Tech '56	Stephen R. Susdorff Utah '79
Brent W. Bogden Utah '73	Laurence A. Deets Stetson '62	Jeffrey O. Henley California-Santa Barbara '66	Brian P. McCune Oregon State '72	Carlos Quintero Clemson '73	Timothy R. Swift Babson '96
Brian A. Boron Western Michigan '89	Robert G. Denison Oklahoma '58	Thomas E. Hill Richmond '64	John F. Mikkelsen Miami '78	Maurice L. Richards, Jr. Tulsa '51	Craig D. Templeton Kansas '81
Robert C. Bowman Southern California '80	Christopher S. Dillion Illinois '03	J. Warren Hilton, Jr. South Carolina '64	William L. Monroe Western Michigan '63	Donald R. Rochau Iowa '59	LeRoy E. Thompson Missouri S&T '56
Rudolf Bredenbeck Cincinnati '54	Peter B. Dirlam Cornell '56	Charles J. Inacker Thiel '58	Kirk L. Munson Kansas State '81	Thomas M. Roode Kansas State '68	William R. Tiernay California-Santa Barbara '52
Ryan Brennan Trumans State '95	William P. Douglas, Jr. Penn State '47	Frank P. Jank Central Michigan '56	Douglas M. Nabhan Purdue '77	Todd A. Ruberg Oregon '82	Andrew J. Triplett* Northern Iowa '99
Benjamin E. Brodie Oregon State '64	Charles G. Eberly Bowling Green State '63	Gary L. Jefferies North Texas '68	Henry Z. Norton Stetson '62	Paul A. Runge Thiel '70	Robert L. Trovaten San Diego State '67
Stephen J. Buce Stevens Tech '86	Robert A. Eckert Arizona '76	Edward F. Jones Buffalo State '96	Bill M. Ohland North Texas '72	Douglas D. Scheibe Kansas State '87	John E. Vercellino Illinois '75
David R. Calderon Cal Poly-Pomona '88	Robert A. Elrod Missouri S&T '60	Bryan J. Kaminski Johns Hopkins '06	Duffy S. Oyster North Texas '69	Scott A. Schwartz Iowa '93	Patrick B. Welborne Texas-Arlington '91
James E. Cantalupo South Carolina '88	Matthew W. Engelhardt Valparaiso '91	Robert J. Kerr Wichita State '75	Russell J. Pantsari South Carolina '70	David E. Schwartz Friend of Sigma Phi Epsilon	Dale A. Werts Baker '84
Richard A. Captor Utah '73	R. Clayton Funk Washburn '93	G. Wayne Knupp, Jr. Huntingdon College '95	W. Daniel Pate North Carolina '71	Gerard C. Scott Wichita State '81	Monte J. White North Texas '88
William H. Caulfield, II Mississippi '76	Jeffrey C. Gates Wichita State '89	Kreth J. Koehler Central Arkansas '92	William M. Patten Texas Christian '73	Ronald J. Sebonia Illinois '84	Joseph R. Whittinghill Montana '89
Steven B. Chaneles Connecticut '83	Cory S. Gerdes Northwestern '92	George H. Krieger Missouri S&T '62	David J. Patterson Massachusetts '93	Bobby Shackouls Mississippi State '72	David R. Wolverton Texas-Arlington '85
Philip E. Cline Marshall '55	James F. Gillespie Wichita State '72	Robert C. Loesch Cincinnati '63	Douglas J. Pavese San Jose State '63	Kevin E. Shumaker Georgia '84	Kevin M. Zimmer Kansas '94

Chapter Report Card: Your donation: What a difference your dollars make!

Thank you for your gift in 2008 and your continued support in 2009. You helped the Fraternity change lives. You enabled our chapters to recruit smart men, provide them with a great experience, award them with scholarships for academic excellence, challenge their leadership skills and unleash them on the world. You helped the Fraternity become a valued partner in higher education. Thank you; without your support, this would not be possible.

In return you've asked for some more information; you are curious to know more about your gift's impact on Sigma Phi Epsilon. To respond to your feedback we've published this Report Card showing donor activity alongside undergraduate participation in Leadership Continuum events, spring 2008 GPAs, manpower reported in the chapter's Periodic Membership Report, and any scholarships the local chapter awarded. Essentially it's a snapshot of the chapter's activity and performance in 2008.

Making a difference in Scholarship, Leadership and Housing

Some of you gave to the Annual Fund, which funds the Leadership Continuum. Some of you gave to help offset the costs undergraduates incur to attend leadership programs. Some of you gave to your chapter's scholarship fund(s). Some of you gave to your chapter's housing efforts. For some of you, your home chapter is publicly raising funds to help renovate the chapter house (or build a new one) and a portion of that project is tax deductible. And some of you gave to several areas. All of these gifts are consolidated in the Total Giving column. From there you can see the number of donors from your chapter, along with the average, as well as the highest gift made and the average gift size.

You may have noticed that the complete list of donors

in 2008 is not in this issue of the *Journal*. Don't worry, you can see every donor who gave in 2008 on the Educational Foundation's website at www.sigepfoundation.org. You can also see 2008 memorial and recognition gifts. The website can connect you in numerous ways to other alumni. Interested to see what your home chapter's Alumni and Volunteer Corporation has planned? You can check out their webpage on the site. Want to see which SigEps live in your city? It is all there. If you have not done so, register on the website. You will gain access to all of this and more. You can even make a gift.

Thank you for all that you do for Sigma Phi Epsilon.

About the Chapter Report Card

You will notice that certain chapters are highlighted in the following pages. These chapters rank among the top 10 of all chapters nationwide in a particular category for 2008; the category in which they excel is noted in purple. We hope this serves as motivation for your chapter. Where can you help improve in 2009? Is it in total dollars raised? Number of donors? Can you convince that rising sophomore to apply for the Ruck Leadership Institute?

Information is arranged in alphabetical order by school name and reflects data as of April 1, 2009. Chapters in regular italics are Sigma Epsilon Chapters (SEC). Dormant chapters are noted as gray. Chapters closed in the past 18 months are noted as gray with an asterisk.

School	EDGE 08*	Carlson 08	Ruck 08	Quest 08	Total Leadership Continuum Participation 08	2008 Manpower	GPA Sp '08	All Campus Average Sp '08	Rank	# of Donors	# of Gifts	Total Given	Avg gift	Largest Gift	Total Scholarships Awarded
Alabama*	4	8	-	-	-	83	2.84	2.94	12/29	13	13	\$1,300.00	\$100.00	\$500.00	-
Alabama-Birmingham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	-
Alaska-Fairbanks	-	-	-	-	0	12	-	-	-	2	4	\$450.00	\$112.50	\$200.00	-
American	11	5	1	-	17	79	3.46	3.28	1/10	18	22	\$1,960.00	\$89.09	\$300.00	-
Angelo State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	-
Appalachian State	-	4	-	-	4	16	2.88	-	-	4	16	\$741.63	\$46.35	\$100.00	-
Arizona*	24	-	1	-	25	85	2.57	2.72	17/30	14	14	\$4,370.00	\$312.14	\$1,500.00	-
Arizona State	13	9	-	-	22	55	2.86	2.97	6/19	14	14	\$6,475.00	\$462.50	\$5,000.00	-
Arkansas	25	8	1	-	34	30	2.76	-	-	7	10	\$1,225.00	\$122.50	\$500.00	-
Arkansas State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	\$420.00	\$140.00	\$200.00	-
Arkansas Tech	18	-	1	-	19	47	2.98	2.86	1/6	2	2	\$125.00	\$62.50	\$100.00	-
Auburn	-	12	1	-	13	122	2.68	2.85	16/26	23	27	\$5,580.00	\$206.67	\$3,000.00	-
Auburn - Montgomery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	-
Austin Peay State	16	7	1	-	24	46	3.31	2.89	1/6	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Babson	18	4	-	-	22	46	3.25	3.05	1/4	5	6	\$2,775.00	\$462.50	\$1,250.00	-
Baker	-	5	-	-	5	25	2.95	3.05	3/5	8	12	\$1,810.07	\$150.84	\$1,000.00	-
Baldwin-Wallace	-	4	-	-	4	31	3.02	3.19	2/5	13	15	\$1,915.00	\$127.67	\$500.00	-
Ball State	10	14	-	-	24	66	2.81	2.91	3/10	12	22	\$2,255.69	\$102.53	\$1,000.00	-
Barton	-	4	-	-	4	19	2.52	2.69	2/3	5	6	\$360.00	\$60.00	\$100.00	-
Baylor	18	5	1	-	24	38	3.14	-	2/14	7	17	\$1,217.30	\$71.61	\$100.00	-
Belmont Abbey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	\$2,525.00	\$1,262.50	\$2,500.00	-
Bentley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	7	\$525.00	\$75.00	\$200.00	-
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	9	\$1,225.00	\$136.11	\$250.00	-
Bowling Green State	32	6	1	-	39	49	2.57	2.88	12/14	22	36	\$3,194.16	\$88.73	\$380.00	-
Bradley	33	6	-	-	39	57	3.05	3.14	4/14	19	20	\$3,160.00	\$158.00	\$1,000.00	-
Bucknell	-	8	1	-	9	87	3.38	3.34	6/14	19	61	\$2,589.00	\$42.44	\$500.00	\$400.00
Buffalo State*	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	9	\$11,500.00	\$1,277.78	\$10,000.00	-
Cal State - Fullerton	-	4	-	-	4	60	2.60	2.66	1/5	1	1	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	-
Cal State - San Bernardino	18	13	1	-	32	25	2.59	2.77	3/4	4	4	\$600.00	\$150.00	\$500.00	-



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Cal State-Long Beach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$31.50	\$31.50	\$31.50	-
Cal State-Northridge	18	4	1	-	23	43	2.84	2.62	3/11	15	16	\$1,085.00	\$67.81	\$250.00	\$800.00
CalPoly-Pomona	25	12	1	-	38	75	2.68	2.73	2/15	7	22	\$3,149.98	\$143.18	\$250.00	\$395.00
CalPoly-SLO	-	4	-	-	4	108	2.82	2.78	2/20	2	2	\$85.00	\$42.50	\$50.00	-
Canisius	-	8	-	-	8	16	-	-	1/1	5	5	\$175.00	\$35.00	\$50.00	-
Carnegie-Mellon	-	12	-	-	12	81	3.25	3.18	3/12	6	9	\$1,200.00	\$133.33	\$250.00	-
Carroll	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	\$350.00	\$87.50	\$100.00	-
Case Western Reserve	-	7	-	-	7	51	3.19	3.30	12/19	9	13	\$1,500.00	\$115.38	\$250.00	-
Central Arkansas	21	8	1	-	30	117	3.16	2.82	1/7	9	31	\$5,090.63	\$164.21	\$1,000.00	-
Central Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	7	\$250.00	\$35.71	\$100.00	-
Central Michigan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	\$550.00	\$137.50	\$400.00	-
Central Missouri	-	5	1	-	6	44	2.80	2.93	6/11	5	5	\$1,675.00	\$335.00	\$1,000.00	-
Chapman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	-
Charleston (South Carolina)	-	7	2	-	9	46	2.84	2.93	5/8	8	13	\$852.43	\$65.57	\$151.09	-
Charleston (West Virginia)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	\$260.00	\$52.00	\$100.00	-
Chicago	7	8	1	-	16	23	-	-	-	1	1	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Chico State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	17	\$660.00	\$38.82	\$100.00	-
Christopher Newport	8	4	1	-	13	47	2.85	2.79	1/6	2	3	\$125.00	\$41.67	\$50.00	-
Cincinnati	15	7	1	1	24	93	3.25	2.99	3/32	33	53	\$7,029.55	\$132.63	\$2,000.00	-
Clarion	6	-	2	-	8	12	3.01	3.01	1/4	2	2	\$75.00	\$37.50	\$50.00	-
Clarkson	3	5	1	1	10	28	3.19	2.99	2/10	3	3	\$125.00	\$41.67	\$50.00	-
Clemson	24	16	1	-	41	89	2.89	3.07	13/18	12	14	\$790.01	\$56.43	\$150.00	\$1,500.00
Cleveland State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	\$8,760.00	\$1,095.00	\$5,500.00	-
Coastal Carolina	22	4	-	-	26	32	2.76	2.89	3/9	2	2	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	-
Colorado	22	7	2	-	31	106	3.00	-	4/14	29	44	\$30,300.09	\$688.64	\$10,000.00	\$6,500.00
Colorado School of Mines	-	9	-	-	9	40	2.98	2.89	1/10	7	9	\$1,263.02	\$140.34	\$500.00	-
Colorado State	32	12	2	-	46	57	3.04	2.81	2/14	17	19	\$6,290.00	\$331.05	\$2,500.00	\$3,750.00
Columbia	2	8	1	-	11	39	-	-	-	10	13	\$3,375.00	\$259.62	\$1,000.00	\$1,750.00
Connecticut*	-	5	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	15	23	\$3,927.01	\$170.74	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Cornell	12	7	1	-	20	42	3.29	3.26	25/46	13	14	\$2,110.18	\$150.73	\$1,000.00	-
Creighton	-	4	-	-	4	71	3.25	3.28	3/5	3	3	\$100.00	\$33.33	\$50.00	-
Culver Stockton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	\$250.00	\$83.33	\$100.00	-
Daemen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	\$1,124.00	\$281.00	\$500.00	-
Dartmouth	34	4	2	-	40	102	3.49	3.47	5/13	18	24	\$27,295.00	\$1,137.29	\$20,000.00	-
Davidson	-	4	-	-	4	78	3.21	3.17	3/8	18	20	\$1,814.01	\$90.70	\$500.00	-
Davis & Elkins	-	4	1	-	5	12	-	-	-	8	14	\$4,525.00	\$323.21	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Dayton	33	8	1	-	42	82	2.93	3.13	6/10	8	9	\$1,525.00	\$169.44	\$1,000.00	-
Defiance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	-
Delaware	14	9	1	-	24	88	3.24	3.06	2/22	16	19	\$1,700.00	\$89.47	\$500.00	-
Denison	-	4	-	-	4	52	3.07	3.14	4/6	1	1	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	-
Denver	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	\$175.00	\$58.33	\$75.00	-
DePaul	10	10	-	-	20	17	2.83	2.99	6/7	3	3	\$200.00	\$66.67	\$100.00	-
Detroit	-	1	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Drake	45	6	1	-	52	90	3.2	3.09	1/8	16	18	\$59,654.45	\$3,314.14	\$40,107.10	-
Drexel	22	8	1	-	31	46	3.31	3.22	1/10	7	7	\$245.00	\$35.00	\$50.00	-
Drury	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	\$70.00	\$35.00	\$50.00	-
Duke	-	3	1	-	4	63	3.48	-	4/15	20	22	\$2,176.01	\$98.91	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
East Carolina	-	4	-	-	4	40	2.66	2.81	2/15	3	3	\$215.00	\$71.67	\$150.00	-
East Tennessee	-	7	-	-	7	43	-	-	-	18	20	\$4,225.00	\$211.25	\$1,000.00	\$420.00
East Texas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	\$400.00	\$133.33	\$250.00	-
Eastern Illinois	19	13	-	-	32	82	2.81	2.80	-	7	9	\$650.00	\$72.22	\$200.00	-
Eastern Michigan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	\$75.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	-
Eastern Washington	24	15	1	-	40	82	3.00	3.12	3/9	2	25	\$554.00	\$22.16	\$50.00	-
Elon	14	4	1	-	19	85	3.17	3.17	2/7	8	10	\$900.00	\$90.00	\$300.00	-
Emory	8	7	1	-	16	25	3.54	3.39	1/15	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Emporia State	-	4	1	-	5	29	2.95	2.88	2/6	6	6	\$1,250.00	\$208.33	\$1,000.00	-
Evansville	9	6	-	-	15	54	2.80	3.11	5/6	21	41	\$8,733.76	\$213.02	\$1,333.38	-
Fairleigh Dickinson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	\$1,050.00	\$262.50	\$500.00	-
Ferris State	11	-	-	-	11	43	2.56	-	-	6	6	\$494.01	\$82.34	\$250.00	-
Florida	14	7	1	-	22	140	3.39	3.29	5/26	32	36	\$5,189.01	\$144.14	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Florida Atlantic	36	9	1	-	46	51	2.67	2.83	1/7	7	29	\$2,448.01	\$84.41	\$500.00	-
Florida Gulf Coast	8	9	1	-	18	60	3.02	3.06	1/3	4	5	\$250.00	\$50.00	\$75.00	-

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Florida International	-	9	-	-	9	56	2.99	2.67	4/14	4	14	\$1,519.00	\$108.50	\$250.00	-
Florida Southern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	-
Florida State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	10	\$1,594.01	\$159.40	\$700.00	-
Fort Hays State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	-
Fresno State	22	8	1	-	31	51	3.08	2.52	1/10	4	4	\$225.00	\$56.25	\$100.00	-
George Mason	11	5	1	-	17	35	2.78	2.90	6/15	4	16	\$525.00	\$32.81	\$100.00	\$800.00
George Washington	28	7	1	-	36	92	3.21	3.27	5/15	15	35	\$5,945.66	\$169.88	\$2,000.00	\$1,350.00
Georgetown	12	14	1	1	28	42	3.49	-	-	20	33	\$1,981.08	\$60.03	\$250.00	\$5,280.00
Georgia	-	5	-	-	5	115	3.32	3.16	2/26	9	21	\$2,658.00	\$126.57	\$750.00	-
Georgia Southern	-	7	-	-	7	41	2.94	-	3/14	8	10	\$472.03	\$47.20	\$200.00	-
Georgia State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	\$119.01	\$59.51	\$100.00	-
Georgia Tech	-	7	1	-	8	57	2.92	2.98	14/31	18	20	\$54,722.00	\$2,738.61	\$26,000.00	-
Grand Valley State	11	7	1	-	19	42	-	-	-	1	1	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	13	\$220.00	\$16.92	\$100.00	-
Henderson State	-	4	-	-	4	21	-	-	-	1	1	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	-
Hofstra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	-
Houston	4	8	1	-	13	40	2.84	-	1/8	3	6	\$803.32	\$133.89	\$250.00	\$2,200.00
Huntingdon	-	4	-	-	4	14	2.91	2.97	-	4	6	\$1,750.00	\$291.67	\$1,000.00	-
Idaho	11	7	-	-	18	13	3.14	2.90	2/15	4	4	\$300.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	-
Idaho State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	-
IIT	12	13	-	-	25	58	3.07	3.04	-	10	10	\$1,065.00	\$106.50	\$500.00	-
Illinois	21	12	2	-	35	183	3.36	3.08	4/20	35	47	\$6,410.01	\$136.38	\$1,000.00	-
Illinois State	37	14	1	-	52	116	2.88	2.84	-	9	9	\$375.00	\$41.67	\$75.00	-
Indiana	30	7	2	-	39	86	3.38	3.10	1/36	16	17	\$8,875.00	\$522.06	\$5,000.00	-
Indiana State	12	8	-	-	20	24	2.82	-	-	19	34	\$11,606.74	\$341.37	\$7,261.74	\$6,800.00
Indiana Tech	4	5	1	-	10	20	2.65	-	1/2	11	24	\$3,837.69	\$159.90	\$1,000.00	-
Iowa	24	7	-	-	31	85	2.97	3.00	5/13	13	29	\$4,201.67	\$144.89	\$1,000.00	-
Iowa State	19	16	1	-	36	55	3.02	2.95	8/29	26	28	\$2,599.01	\$92.82	\$1,000.00	-
Iowa Wesleyan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	\$135.00	\$45.00	\$100.00	-
IPFW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	-
Ithaca	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	\$72.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	-
IUP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	\$29.01	\$14.51	\$19.01	-
Jacksonville State	-	4	-	-	4	25	3.00	2.56	1/7	2	3	\$102.00	\$34.00	\$50.00	-
Jacksonville U.*	-	4	-	-	-	-	2.22	-	-	2	3	\$200.00	\$66.67	\$100.00	-
James Madison	39	16	2	-	57	44	3.05	2.98	9/15	14	18	\$2,120.01	\$117.78	\$1,200.00	-
John Carroll	-	9	1	-	10	42	3.06	2.99	3/4	3	3	\$135.00	\$45.00	\$100.00	-
Johns Hopkins	9	7	-	-	16	77	3.19	3.22	13/22	22	53	\$8,314.00	\$156.87	\$1,625.00	\$600.00
Kansas	28	8	-	-	36	102	3.16	3.02	4/22	30	55	\$13,248.00	\$240.87	\$8,000.00	\$995.00
Kansas State	30	7	-	-	37	93	3.13	2.85	5/24	34	64	\$78,252.27	\$1,222.69	\$10,022.00	-
Kent State	-	4	-	-	4	17	-	-	-	7	7	\$610.00	\$87.14	\$150.00	-
Kentucky	-	-	1	-	1	92	2.80	2.99	15/21	14	17	\$895.00	\$52.65	\$100.00	-
Kentucky Wesleyan	1	4	-	-	5	25	3.33	-	1/3	6	8	\$936.29	\$117.04	\$366.34	\$600.00
Lamar	-	4	-	-	4	30	2.73	-	-	13	20	\$6,052.04	\$302.60	\$2,000.00	\$4,635.00
Lambuth	3	9	1	-	13	34	-	-	-	5	6	\$350.00	\$58.33	\$100.00	-
LaSalle	-	4	1	-	5	26	2.88	-	-	5	6	\$155.00	\$25.83	\$50.00	-
Lawrence	-	4	-	-	4	28	3.27	3.34	3/5	4	4	\$255.00	\$63.75	\$100.00	-
Lawrence Tech	18	17	1	-	36	59	-	-	-	15	19	\$1,159.80	\$61.04	\$100.00	\$335.00
Lehigh	24	7	-	-	31	71	3.25	3.15	1/18	19	20	\$2,375.00	\$118.75	\$1,000.00	-
Lewis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	-
Lewis & Clark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	\$300.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	-
Lincoln Memorial	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	-
Longwood	-	4	-	-	4	27	2.07	2.81	5/7	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Loras	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	17	\$3,070.00	\$180.59	\$1,000.00	-
Louisiana Monroe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$19.01	\$19.01	\$19.01	-
Louisiana State	35	7	1	-	43	95	3.06	2.90	2/23	16	29	\$1,432.00	\$49.38	\$100.00	-
Louisville	18	11	1	-	30	23	2.64	2.92	11/13	2	2	\$125.00	\$62.50	\$100.00	-
Loyola	15	8	-	-	23	49	2.67	2.97	4/5	2	2	\$519.67	\$259.84	\$319.67	-
Loyola Marymount	9	6	1	-	16	114	3.30	-	-	17	26	\$1,904.01	\$73.23	\$500.00	-
Lynchburg	-	4	-	-	4	42	-	-	-	7	12	\$812.03	\$67.67	\$500.00	-
Maine	8	20	1	-	29	54	3.35	2.85	1/16	12	14	\$2,225.00	\$158.93	\$1,000.00	\$620.00
Marquette	6	4	1	-	11	16	-	-	-	3	4	\$275.00	\$68.75	\$100.00	-
Marshall	-	4	-	-	4	34	2.67	2.65	2/8	10	10	\$1,740.00	\$174.00	\$1,000.00	-
Maryland-Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	-
Maryland-College Park	14	16	1	-	31	72	3.30	3.01	3/24	30	36	\$3,004.01	\$83.44	\$500.00	\$1,400.00



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Where it goes: Split Gift: half Annual Fund / half Chapter Specific Scholarships

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Giving levels: Monthly: \$19.01, Quarterly: \$57.03, Annually: \$228.12

Why/benefits: Chapter Scholarship Fund Growth, Ducal Crown Pin, Regular updates that contain relevant Fraternity and Foundation news

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Massachusetts	19	6	-	-	25	56	2.87	2.86	5/12	17	33	\$2,428.74	\$73.60	\$250.00	-
McDaniel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	-
Memphis	27	20	1	-	48	70	2.99	-	1/9	13	20	\$3,185.50	\$159.28	\$750.50	-
Miami (Florida)	27	4	-	-	31	90	3.30	3.17	3/11	14	46	\$3,811.50	\$82.86	\$500.04	-
Miami (Ohio)	19	9	1	-	29	127	3.25	3.10	2/28	23	24	\$7,415.00	\$308.96	\$6,000.00	-
Michigan	12	11	1	-	24	95	3.34	3.28	5/26	23	28	\$1,505.00	\$53.75	\$100.00	-
Michigan State	-	-	1	-	1	75	-	-	-	13	14	\$610.00	\$43.57	\$100.00	-
Michigan Tech	-	-	-	-	0	40	2.90	2.85	1/13	9	12	\$600.00	\$50.00	\$150.00	-
Middle Tennessee State	-	4	-	-	4	32	2.78	2.58	3/11	3	3	\$200.00	\$66.67	\$100.00	-
Minnesota	17	16	2	1	36	48	3.27	3.12	3/26	21	50	\$4,996.63	\$99.93	\$500.00	-
Mississippi	-	4	-	-	4	127	2.45	2.73	12/13	16	41	\$1,340.00	\$32.68	\$250.00	-
Mississippi State	-	4	2	1	7	60	3.01	2.88	3/18	5	5	\$200.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	-
Missouri State	2	14	1	-	17	110	3.00	3.02	4/17	8	10	\$400.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	-
Missouri-Columbia	18	6	-	-	24	53	2.9	3.04	-	21	33	\$18,900.00	\$572.73	\$5,000.00	-
Missouri-Kansas City	15	6	-	-	21	25	2.86	-	-	5	7	\$1,585.00	\$226.43	\$500.00	-
Missouri-Science & Technology	-	8	-	-	8	61	3.13	-	-	42	48	\$139,829.18	\$2,913.11	\$30,000.00	\$3,500.00
MIT	6	6	1	-	13	39	3.45	-	12/27	13	28	\$3,311.64	\$118.27	\$250.00	\$1,000.00
Monmouth	8	5	1	-	14	46	3.00	2.98	1/3	12	14	\$2,405.00	\$171.79	\$1,500.00	-
Montana	14	5	-	-	19	29	2.98	2.96	2/5	10	13	\$900.00	\$69.23	\$250.00	-
Montana State	14	4	1	-	19	22	3.16	2.99	1/7	8	9	\$1,015.00	\$112.78	\$500.00	-
Moravian	14	5	1	-	20	40	2.83	3.04	2/3	2	3	\$351.00	\$117.00	\$151.00	-
Morehead State	2	25	-	-	27	77	2.95	2.92	2/9	8	10	\$2,090.00	\$209.00	\$1,000.00	-
Muhlenberg	-	4	-	-	4	41	3.11	3.34	2/3	16	17	\$1,170.00	\$68.82	\$150.00	-
Murray State	39	16	1	-	56	78	3.24	2.65	1/11	8	18	\$1,959.00	\$108.83	\$1,000.00	-
Nebraska	30	8	1	-	39	119	3.47	3.11	3/24	21	43	\$2,685.00	\$62.44	\$1,000.00	-
Nebraska-Kearney	26	17	1	-	44	55	3.18	2.90	-	13	16	\$624.92	\$39.06	\$50.00	-
Nebraska-Omaha	33	12	1	-	46	43	3.01	2.97	2/4	8	31	\$779.00	\$25.13	\$100.00	-
Nevada-Las Vegas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	-

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Nevada-Reno	22	15	-	-	37	56	2.88	2.91	3/8	5	9	\$609.50	\$67.72	\$324.50	-
New Hampshire	-	5	-	-	5	20	3.17	3.10	1/11	2	3	\$100.00	\$33.33	\$50.00	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	\$995.00	\$99.50	\$500.00	-
New Mexico State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	\$185.00	\$92.50	\$150.00	-
North Carolina	-	4	1	-	5	51	2.87	-	21/22	16	16	\$1,900.00	\$118.75	\$1,000.00	-
North Carolina State	-	11	-	-	11	31	2.86	2.95	7/23	21	25	\$8,100.38	\$324.02	\$5,024.58	-
North Carolina- Charlotte	-	4	-	-	4	22	2.74	-	-	6	7	\$575.00	\$82.14	\$250.00	-
North Carolina- Greensboro	-	6	1	-	7	19	2.45	2.47	-	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
North Carolina- Wilmington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	-
North Dakota	3	14	-	-	17	50	3.25	3.00	1/12	15	79	\$3,022.36	\$38.26	\$1,000.00	\$900.00
North Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	-
North Texas	8	4	1	-	13	37	3.02	2.8	1/14	18	20	\$15,748.00	\$787.40	\$5,000.00	-
Northeastern	7	12	-	-	19	67	3.08	3.14	3/8	4	4	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	-
Northern Arizona	4	-	-	-	4	10	2.68	-	5/14	5	16	\$2,317.28	\$144.83	\$1,000.00	-
Northern Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	\$225.00	\$56.25	\$100.00	-
Northern Illinois*	-	3	-	-	3	23	-	-	-	5	5	\$614.01	\$122.80	\$500.00	-
Northern Iowa	18	7	1	-	26	31	3.14	3.08	-	5	12	\$1,011.68	\$84.31	\$200.00	-
Northern Kentucky	21	16	1	-	38	24	2.92	2.84	1/5	3	4	\$545.00	\$136.25	\$345.00	-
Northrop	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	-
Northwest Missouri	-	4	1	-	5	71	2.81	2.84	2/10	9	12	\$1,450.00	\$120.83	\$395.00	-
Northwestern	31	5	-	-	36	102	3.41	3.44	5/16	15	18	\$2,165.00	\$120.28	\$1,000.00	-
Northwood	-	-	-	-	0	29	2.68	-	4/5	3	3	\$100.00	\$33.33	\$50.00	-
NYU	4	7	1	-	12	23	3.32	-	-	8	9	\$531.00	\$59.00	\$100.00	-
Ohio	6	4	-	-	10	72	2.73	2.97	6/14	1	1	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	-
Ohio Northern	8	10	-	-	18	40	2.94	3.19	3/8	3	3	\$385.00	\$128.33	\$185.00	-
Ohio State	49	11	1	-	61	100	3.43	3.10	2/32	22	41	\$2,630.38	\$64.16	\$500.00	-
Ohio Wesleyan	-	8	1	-	9	35	2.70	3.00	7/7	15	16	\$8,160.00	\$510.00	\$7,500.00	-
Oklahoma	60	4	1	-	65	202	3.16	3.15	4/18	30	35	\$3,269.01	\$93.40	\$500.00	\$175.00
Oklahoma City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	-
Oklahoma State	31	8	2	1	42	78	3.19	2.81	3/19	16	16	\$1,331.00	\$83.19	\$250.00	\$2,000.00



These awards are made possible by the generosity of Past Grand President and Order of the Golden Heart recipient J. Edward Zollinger, William & Mary '27.

2008 Zollinger Outstanding Seniors

The Zollinger Senior Award is presented to the outstanding senior in each district of Sigma Phi Epsilon and is chosen by the District Governor for that district. These brothers represent the best of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Each Zollinger Senior chapter selects an outstanding

sophomore, the Zollinger Scholar, who receives a scholarship from the Educational Foundation in his junior and senior years. The Zollinger Scholars are chapter members who possess special potential for future leadership roles in the chapter and on campus.

Eric M. Adkins
Oklahoma State '08

Gregory D. Allen
Memphis '08

Aaron D. Alt
Toledo '09

Steven M. Altmann
Quinnipiac '08

Zachary C. Ames
Utah State '10

Christopher A. Badtke
Wisconsin-Platteville '08

Bryan J. Baker
Delaware '08

Andrew S. Brady
George Washington '08

Bradley M. Cerf
Northwestern '08

Andrew S. Clare
MIT '08

Brian J. Eady
Lawrence '07

Scott A. Garrigus
Indiana State '08

Thomas J. Hanrahan
Eastern Washington '08

Bradley Hicks
Texas-Austin '08

James P. Howe
Northwest Missouri State '08

Scott T. McDonough
Clarkson '08

Scott N. Powell
Georgia Tech '09

Kyle B. Reynolds
Central Arkansas '08

Scott M. Sandstrom
Nebraska-Omaha '08

Patrick A. Scott-Klingborg
UC-San Diego '07

Donald A. Sivick, III
Pennsylvania '08

Robert B. Sozio
South Florida '08

Lowell C. D. Trott
Loyola Marymount '08

Cody J. Wagner
New Mexico '07



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Old Dominion	8	6	1	-	15	33	-	-	-	3	4	\$275.00	\$68.75	\$100.00	-
Oregon	12	4	1	-	17	60	3.11	3.09	4/12	22	26	\$5,724.00	\$220.15	\$1,921.50	\$1,900.00
Oregon State	-	13	2	-	15	79	3.26	2.98	1/24	26	63	\$2,616.18	\$41.53	\$200.00	\$13,666.65
Parsons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	\$125.00	\$62.50	\$100.00	-
Pennsylvania	-	9	1	1	11	50	3.23	3.41	22/29	37	77	\$17,706.03	\$229.95	\$11,541.03	\$3,500.00
Pennsylvania State	-	8	-	1	9	98	3.05	3.17	21/48	17	29	\$12,160.43	\$419.33	\$1,750.00	\$5,905.00
Pepperdine	17	8	1	-	26	43	-	-	-	7	30	\$3,414.00	\$113.80	\$1,000.00	-
Philadelphia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	\$1,050.00	\$525.00	\$1,000.00	-
Pittsburg State	32	6	1	-	39	45	2.98	2.89	2/7	4	7	\$475.00	\$67.86	\$100.00	-
Pittsburgh	-	4	-	-	4	43	2.96	3.16	10/17	5	6	\$725.00	\$120.83	\$500.00	-
Purdue	32	9	1	-	42	138	3.09	2.89	3/40	39	41	\$9,452.39	\$230.55	\$5,000.00	\$7,160.00
Quinnipiac	16	7	1	-	24	76	3.28	3.21	1/2	1	1	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	-
Randolph-Macon	-	7	-	-	7	19	2.43	2.78	5/6	2	2	\$125.00	\$62.50	\$100.00	-
Rhode Island	7	11	-	1	19	33	3.01	2.69	2/10	5	5	\$1,165.00	\$233.00	\$1,000.00	-
Richmond	-	4	-	-	4	75	3.40	3.21	1/6	29	34	\$4,950.00	\$145.59	\$1,250.00	\$8,605.00
Rider	-	4	-	-	4	29	3.21	2.98	1/3	1	1	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$1,000.00
Rochester	-	2	1	-	3	40	3.52	-	-	7	7	\$285.00	\$40.71	\$75.00	-
Rollins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	\$35.00	\$17.50	\$25.00	-
Rowan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$43.57	\$43.57	\$43.57	-
RPI	13	7	-	-	20	34	2.94	3.14	16/26	17	20	\$7,405.00	\$370.25	\$3,000.00	-
Rutgers	21	4	1	-	26	74	2.99	3.02	10/22	20	28	\$20,217.00	\$722.04	\$5,700.33	\$500.00
Sacramento Sate	16	6	1	-	23	29	2.95	2.89	1/7	9	36	\$3,025.00	\$84.03	\$1,000.00	-
Saint Louis	26	7	1	-	34	94	3.30	3.17	2/11	17	19	\$929.01	\$48.90	\$100.00	-
Salisbury	4	7	1	-	12	39	2.88	2.89	1/6	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Samford	3	4	1	-	8	20	2.93	2.99	3/6	2	2	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	-
San Diego	14	6	1	1	22	56	3.08	3.09	5/5	7	18	\$1,958.31	\$108.80	\$250.00	-
San Diego State	36	8	1	-	45	138	3.16	2.77	1/16	27	30	\$2,385.00	\$79.50	\$500.00	-
San Francisco State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	\$425.00	\$85.00	\$150.00	-
San Jose State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	7	\$1,475.00	\$210.71	\$1,000.00	-
Santa Clara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	-
Seton Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	-
SIU-Carbondale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	-
SIU-Edwardsville	15	4	-	-	19	34	2.84	2.85	3/4	3	4	\$125.00	\$31.25	\$50.00	-
South Carolina	25	9	-	-	34	111	3.02	3.19	6/19	24	41	\$28,476.69	\$694.55	\$10,000.00	-
South Dakota State	8	17	1	-	26	40	3.26	2.89	1/6	3	4	\$350.00	\$87.50	\$100.00	-
South Florida	43	13	1	-	57	92	3.12	-	-	13	18	\$1,213.03	\$67.39	\$125.00	-
Southeast Missouri State	24	9	1	-	34	83	3.11	-	1/9	13	14	\$875.00	\$62.50	\$250.00	-
Southern California	10	4	2	-	16	37	2.96	3.26	20/20	29	43	\$87,627.63	\$2,037.85	\$50,000.00	\$9,000.00
Southern Methodist	5	10	1	-	16	56	3.22	3.15	3/9	15	19	\$1,485.00	\$78.16	\$250.00	-
Southern Mississippi	-	4	1	-	5	44	2.67	-	10/16	6	11	\$478.35	\$43.49	\$100.00	-
SPSU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	-
St. Johns	2	4	-	-	6	31	2.85	3.08	8/10	2	2	\$125.00	\$62.50	\$100.00	-
St. Josephs	-	7	-	-	7	37	3.00	3.01	2/4	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
St. Leo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	-
St. Mary's	9	4	-	-	13	33	3.33	2.99	1/5	2	2	\$250.00	\$125.00	\$200.00	-
Stanford	-	7	-	-	7	39	-	-	-	6	14	\$1,435.01	\$102.50	\$500.00	-
Stephen F. Austin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	\$550.00	\$275.00	\$500.00	-
Stetson	-	7	-	-	7	34	3.09	2.95	1/6	15	18	\$17,900.00	\$994.44	\$5,000.00	\$950.00
Stevens Tech	-	7	1	1	9	58	3.41	3.13	1/9	24	30	\$1,877.67	\$62.59	\$500.00	-
SUNY-Binghamton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	10	\$3,420.77	\$342.08	\$1,869.77	-
SUNY-Buffalo	-	4	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	9	17	\$6,313.33	\$371.37	\$5,000.00	-
SUNY-Fredonia	-	4	-	-	4	30	2.80	-	-	2	2	\$125.00	\$62.50	\$100.00	-
SUNY-Oswego	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	-
Susquehanna*	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	12	\$130.00	\$10.83	\$12.50	-
Syracuse	18	4	-	-	22	59	3.32	3.17	2/19	12	25	\$1,939.01	\$77.56	\$100.00	-
Tampa	10	8	1	-	19	27	2.78	2.99	5/10	7	8	\$245.00	\$30.63	\$50.00	-
Temple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8	\$450.00	\$56.25	\$100.00	-
Tennessee	-	10	1	-	11	101	-	-	-	15	16	\$3,825.00	\$239.06	\$1,000.00	-
Tennessee Tech	14	10	1	-	25	54	2.85	2.93	3/10	5	5	\$425.00	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$260.00
Tennessee Wesleyan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	\$220.00	\$110.00	\$200.00	-
Tennessee-Martin	10	9	-	-	19	28	-	-	-	4	9	\$4,000.00	\$444.44	\$1,500.00	-
Texas A&M	-	4	-	-	4	81	2.90	2.89	8/22	7	17	\$800.00	\$47.06	\$100.00	-

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Texas A&M- Corpus Christi	-	6	-	-	6	31	2.73	2.75	3/4	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Texas Christian	30	10	1	-	41	133	3.3	3.16	2/10	19	32	\$7,700.03	\$240.63	\$1,500.00	\$2,700.00
Texas State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	-
Texas Tech	41	7	1	-	49	83	3.04	2.89	2/22	12	12	\$1,550.00	\$129.17	\$1,000.00	-
Texas Wesleyan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	13	\$2,132.00	\$164.00	\$1,000.00	-
Texas-Arlington	6	4	-	-	10	40	2.72	2.94	5/10	7	11	\$3,100.00	\$281.82	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Texas-Austin	52	12	2	-	66	171	3.15	3.09	7/22	27	52	\$12,883.00	\$247.75	\$5,000.00	-
Texas-San Antonio	-	4	-	-	4	32	2.66	2.61	4/8	3	5	\$145.00	\$29.00	\$50.00	-
Thiel	-	4	-	-	4	31	2.56	2.45	2/3	7	8	\$3,355.00	\$419.38	\$1,000.00	\$775.00
Toledo	29	14	2	-	45	71	3.3	2.74	1/10	18	38	\$2,899.17	\$76.29	\$500.00	-
Trine	-	7	1	-	8	36	2.90	2.78	2/8	6	6	\$275.00	\$45.83	\$50.00	-
Truman State	28	4	1	-	33	64	3.16	3.21	4/13	9	18	\$3,825.02	\$212.50	\$1,000.00	-
Tufts	4	4	-	-	8	57	3.27	3.36	6/10	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Tulane	-	7	-	-	7	78	-	-	-	28	51	\$8,489.01	\$166.45	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
Tulsa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	\$1,150.00	\$383.33	\$1,000.00	-
UC-Berkeley	18	7	-	-	25	47	3.29	3.28	12/36	13	15	\$2,350.00	\$156.67	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
UC-Davis	17	7	-	-	24	52	2.84	2.93	16/28	3	3	\$2,625.00	\$875.00	\$2,500.00	-
UC-Irvine	34	4	-	-	38	79	2.85	3.07	17/23	2	14	\$876.51	\$62.61	\$83.33	-
UCLA	-	4	-	-	4	82	3.32	3.21	5/20	9	21	\$1,483.37	\$70.64	\$200.00	-
UC-Riverside	7	8	1	-	16	49	-	-	-	1	1	\$19.01	\$19.01	\$19.01	-
UC-Santa Barbara	27	15	1	1	44	105	3.03	3.08	5/16	16	20	\$3,774.13	\$188.71	\$1,000.00	-
UC-San Diego	-	4	1	-	5	52	-	-	-	1	1	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	-
Utah	15	12	-	-	27	41	3.01	3.08	3/8	25	34	\$7,428.00	\$218.47	\$1,000.00	-
Utah State	7	4	-	-	11	13	3.13	-	-	5	5	\$1,155.00	\$231.00	\$1,000.00	-
Valdosta State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	-
Valparaiso	10	11	1	-	22	77	3.23	3.15	2/8	20	48	\$4,204.41	\$87.59	\$500.00	-
Vanderbilt	40	8	1	-	49	76	-	-	-	5	7	\$326.00	\$46.57	\$100.00	-
VCU	30	-	2	-	32	29	3.18	2.64	2/17	7	8	\$469.01	\$58.63	\$150.00	-
Vermont	14	4	1	-	19	38	2.86	3.13	5/8	4	5	\$155.05	\$31.01	\$50.00	-
Villanova	17	7	-	-	24	62	3.24	3.22	1/10	16	16	\$1,208.00	\$75.50	\$250.00	-
Virginia	-	-	-	-	0	62	3.30	-	-	9	16	\$909.50	\$56.84	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Virginia Tech	-	4	2	-	6	106	2.92	3.06	9/36	24	28	\$5,710.00	\$203.93	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Wake Forest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	\$45.00	\$22.50	\$25.00	-



Thomas O. Hicks, Texas '68

2008 Hicks Scholars

The Thomas O. Hicks Endowment of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation, is funded by **Thomas O. Hicks, Texas '68**. He is a trustee of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation, and owns the Texas Rangers Baseball Club and the National Hockey League's Dallas Stars. Hicks is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Hicks, Muse, Tate and Furst, a private investment firm based in Dallas, Texas.

As a sophomore in college, Hicks was motivated by the Texas Alpha Chapter to get serious about his grades, which had suffered during his freshman year. He improved his GPA significantly that year and kept it up. He obtained

a Masters Degree at Southern California and had a successful banking career in New York and Dallas before starting his own company.

In funding this special scholarship awards program, Brother Hicks recognizes and rewards brothers who get on track with their grades after a poor start. Another goal is motivating all SigEp undergraduates to achieve academically.

These scholarships go to a SigEp junior who significantly improved his GPA in his sophomore year compared to his freshman year.

2008 Hicks Scholars	Freshman GPA	Sophomore GPA	GPA Improvement	% Improvement
Lawrence J. Danielson, Texas-Austin '10	2.90	3.39	0.49	17%
Justin M. Kleiderer, Texas-Austin '09	2.60	3.45	0.85	33%
Timothy L. Lucas, Southeast Missouri State '09	1.67	3.50	1.83	110%
Ishan R. Majumdar, Emory '11	3.43	3.86	0.43	13%
Thomas C. Pruet, Salisbury '09	2.21	3.10	0.89	40%
Matthew N. Savage, Texas-Austin '10	1.65	3.12	1.46	89%
Matthew T. Sheffield, Texas-Austin '10	2.50	3.83	1.33	53%
Michael A. Silvestri, Loyola Marymount '09	2.90	3.53	0.63	22%
Jake D. Soderberg, Minnesota '09	2.39	3.72	1.33	56%
Aaron W. Walker, Texas Christian '10	2.12	3.89	1.77	83%

Educational Foundation sponsors Spelling Bee scholarship

By SEAN C. COSGROVE, Cincinnati '05

For the fifth consecutive year, the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation has awarded a scholarship to the Scripps National Spelling Bee winner. Held every year in Washington D.C., the Spelling Bee attracts national media attention, and SigEp provides a \$5,000 scholarship to the champion. The more than five million viewers of the May broadcast on ABC saw SigEp's name next to the likes of Merriam Webster and Encyclopedia Britannica.

At the awards dinner held after the week-long competition, SigEp shared the stage with all of the sponsors to present our scholarship to the winner. **Paul Happel, Georgetown '08, Jake Rocchi, George Washington '11, and Walter Hoenes, George Washington '86** represented the Educational Foundation at the Scripps Spelling Bee Awards Dinner. Brothers Happel and Rocchi presented the \$5,000 scholarship to 13-year-old Kavya Shivashankar, the 2009 champion.

Kavya is an eighth grader at California Trail Junior High School in Olathe, Kan. She correctly spelled *laodicean* to win. *Laodicean*,

meaning lukewarm or indifferent to religion and politics, is of Greek origin. More than one third of the English language has Greek roots.

Kavya enjoys practicing her violin, bicycling, swimming, and learning Indian classical dance. She names Nupur Lala, the 1999 Scripps National Spelling Bee champion, as her role model and the inspiration for her spelling career. She has plans for her future career as well; she looks forward to becoming a neurosurgeon. Kavya participated in the 2006, 2007, and 2008 national finals—tying for 10th, 8th, and 4th place, respectively.

Kavya, as well as 2008 Champion Sameer Mishra, were recognized at the Educational Foundation Luncheon at the Orlando Conclave in August. Kavya said, "I have always wanted to become a neurosurgeon, and I am planning to use this scholarship for college. So, I want to thank the SigEp Educational



Jake Rocchi, George Washington '11, and Paul Happel, Georgetown '08, proudly present the 2009 Scripps National Spelling Bee Winner with her \$5,000 scholarship. Winner Kavya Shivashankar plans to become a neurosurgeon.

Foundation, for their scholarship, and for providing great educational opportunities." Both families were so inspired by the Foundation's educational mission that they each made a gift during the luncheon.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation is a proud sponsor of the Scripps Spelling Bee as the stated purpose of the Bee aligns with our Sound Mind, Sound Body philosophy. Spellers who master the axioms of the Bee are poised to make learning a lifelong endeavor.

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Washburn	2	12	-	-	14	26	3.03	3.00	2/4	50	53	\$6,826.68	\$128.81	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
Washington	28	4	1	-	33	63	3.36	3.32	1/29	14	14	\$744.01	\$53.14	\$100.00	\$2,000.00
Washington & Lee	-	7	-	-	7	23	3.20	3.28	11/16	3	3	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	-
Washington in St. Louis	-	4	1	1	6	90	3.51	3.41	2/11	22	28	\$7,880.00	\$281.43	\$1,000.00	-
Washington State	37	6	1	-	44	73	3	3.02	3/24	11	11	\$3,625.00	\$329.55	\$2,500.00	\$4,000.00
Westminster	-	4	-	-	4	37	2.88	3.21	5/5	2	2	\$230.00	\$115.00	\$200.00	-
West Chester	15	6	1	-	22	44	2.81	3.02	6/7	6	8	\$1,325.00	\$165.63	\$1,000.00	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	32	\$1,705.00	\$53.28	\$200.00	-
Western Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	\$1,452.00	\$290.40	\$1,000.00	-
Western Kentucky	21	10	1	1	33	48	2.92	2.68	6/16	5	17	\$410.00	\$24.12	\$100.00	-
Western Michigan	18	9	1	-	28	50	2.88	3	3/12	32	81	\$6,997.10	\$86.38	\$1,100.00	\$2,450.00
Wichita State	28	13	1	1	43	53	3.01	2.97	3/7	64	225	\$444,355.49	\$1,974.91	\$250,000.00	\$2,000.00
William & Mary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	\$470.00	\$78.33	\$100.00	-
Wisconsin	15	7	-	1	23	103	3.09	3.24	14/24	15	15	\$11,675.00	\$778.33	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00
Wisconsin-Oshkosh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	\$225.00	\$45.00	\$100.00	-
Wisconsin-Platteville	5	14	1	-	20	25	2.68	2.81	3/8	3	6	\$550.00	\$91.67	\$125.00	\$225.00
Wisconsin-Stevens Point	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	\$125.00	\$62.50	\$100.00	-
WPI	-	8	-	-	8	66	3.16	-	-	9	10	\$1,440.00	\$144.00	\$1,000.00	\$7,800.00
Wright State	8	7	-	-	15	28	2.76	2.87	2/5	4	23	\$391.00	\$17.00	\$50.00	-
WVU Tech	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	\$1,010.00	\$168.33	\$500.00	-
Wyoming	10	5	2	-	17	40	2.73	-	-	3	3	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	-
Yale	-	5	1	-	6	77	3.61	-	-	11	13	\$2,150.00	\$165.38	\$500.00	-
Youngstown State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	9	\$424.01	\$47.11	\$100.00	-
Totals	2950	1803	158	16	4902	14194	3.08	-	-	3,057	4,842	\$1,610,250.52	\$322.56	\$250,000.00	\$140,101.65
	EDGE	Carlson Leadership Academy	Ruck Leadership Institute	Tragos Quest to Greece	Total Leadership Continuum Participation	Total Manpower	for 224 chapters reporting			Donors	Gifts	Total Given	Average gift		Total Scholarships Awarded

2008 National Competition Scholars

Each year the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation presents \$1,000 scholarships to outstanding SigEp undergraduates who have a strong academic record, participate in campus community life and are active in chapter leadership positions. Below are the 2008 recipients.

Spenser Cassinelli

Nevada-Reno '09

Major: Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Fraternity Involvement: VP Recruitment

Campus Activities: Student orientation staff member; Order of Omega; Golden Key National Honor Society; Phi Kappa Phi; Delta Epsilon Iota

Joseph C. Curtis

Trine '09

Major: Business Administration

Fraternity Involvement: President

Campus Activities: Alpha Chi; Delta Mu Delta; Golf Management Student Association; Football Team Captain

Patrick T. Gaston

Rider '09

Major: Secondary Education & History

Fraternity Involvement: BMS Chairman

Campus Activities: IFC, Vice President of Internal Programming; freshman seminar leader; Baccalaureate Honors Program Peer Mentor; Student Rep on Administrative task force; RU tour guide

Michael D. Giacalone

Rhode Island '08

Major: Music Teacher Education

Fraternity Involvement: VP Member Development

Campus Activities: IFC, Director of Academic Affairs; Student Organization Leadership Consultants

Clay P. Gleb

Pepperdine '09

Major: Economics

Fraternity Involvement: VP Finance

Campus Activities: Pepperdine Volunteer Center, Program Coordinator and E-board member; Italian Club member; Dean's List

Adam B. Greer

Oklahoma State '10

Major: Nutrition/Pre-Med

Fraternity Involvement: VP Communications

Campus Activities: HES Student Council; Chaplain & Recruitment Committee, Relay for Life; President's Leadership Council

Jason D. Hartman

Texas Christian '09

Major: Finance/Accounting

Fraternity Involvement: VP of Finance

Campus Activities: TCU Order of Omega Junior of the Year; Neeley Fellows Program; Frog Camp Facilitator; Chancellor's Leadership program; Neeley Networks Mentoring program; TCU Ambassadors; Baseball Club; Educational Investment Fund

C. Brandon Leake

Pepperdine '09

Major: Biology/Pre-Med

Fraternity Involvement: VP of Development

Campus Activities: Pepperdine Volunteer Center, Program Coordinator; Natural Science Division Campus Tour Guide/mentor; Order of Omega; Phi Delta Epsilon; Phi Eta Sigma; Golden Key

Matthew Lee

Oklahoma '10

Major: Microbiology/Pre-Dental

Fraternity Involvement: VP of Communications

Campus Activities: Secretary, Pre-Dental club; OU Health Sciences Center tour leader; Big Event Volunteer; Alpha Lambda Delta; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; President's Honor Roll; Dean's Honor Roll; Honors College Writing Assistant

Christopher J. MacLellan

Wyoming '09

Major: Computer Science & Mathematics

Fraternity Involvement: VP of Recruitment

Campus Activities: President, Student Math Association of Wyoming; Vice President of the Association for Computing Machinery; College of Engineering Senator

Owen McCarthy

Maine '10

Major: Biological Engineering

Fraternity Involvement: President

Campus Activities: President, Sophomore Owl's Honor Society; AICHE; Agent for Class of 2010 Council; Class Rep for Chemical/Biological Engineering Class of '10; Student Orientation Leader

Brian A. Mead

Iowa '09

Major: Dentistry

Fraternity Involvement: VP Recruitment

Campus Activities: National Scholars Honor Society; President's List; Pre-Dental Club

Christopher J. Ojeda

Christopher Newport '09

Major: Political Science

Fraternity Involvement: President

Campus Activities: President, Citizens of the World; Treasurer, CNU Club Swim Team; Resident Assistant; President's Leadership Program; Community Service Committee; Mentor for Captain's for Excellence Program

Alexander M. Rak

Bradley '09

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Fraternity Involvement: President

Campus Activities: Vice President of IFC; Student Senate; Club soccer; maintains a 4.0 GPA; Society of Automotive Engineering (SAE)

Kyle Rodenbach

Johns Hopkins '10

Major: Psychology & Brain Sciences

Fraternity Involvement: VP Finance

Campus Activities: National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Psi Chi, Exec. Board; Orientation Student Advisor

Michael B. Schwartzman

Yale '09

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Fraternity Involvement: President

Campus Activities: Men's Soccer Club, Captain; Yale Economic Review, Staff Writer; Assistant, Legal Aid Office at Yale Law School; Morse College Intramural Basketball; Tau Beta Pi; Torch Honor Society

If everyone reading this page
sent this...

Benjamin Solarz

Yale '09

Major: Economics

Fraternity Involvement: VP Finance

Campus Activities: President, Yale Mock Trial Association; Investment Principal, Globalfund Group; Phi Beta Kappa; Managing Editor Emeritus, Yale Economic Review; Student Investments Analyst at Yale Investments office

Richard Z. Speyer

Washington in St. Louis '09

Major: Computer Science & Applied Mathematics

Fraternity Involvement: VP of Recruitment

Campus Activities: National Society of Collegiate Scholars; ACM; One in Four Recruitment Chair; Research Assistant; Arts & Sciences Computing Consultant; Engineering tutor; ACM Programming Competition participant; Seminar Course Director

Villy Stolper

South Carolina '10

Major: International Business

Fraternity Involvement: VP of Member Development

Campus Activities: VP of External Development, Gamecock Leadership Society; Student Government, Secretary of Organizational Affairs; Blatt Advisory Committee Member; USC Honors College

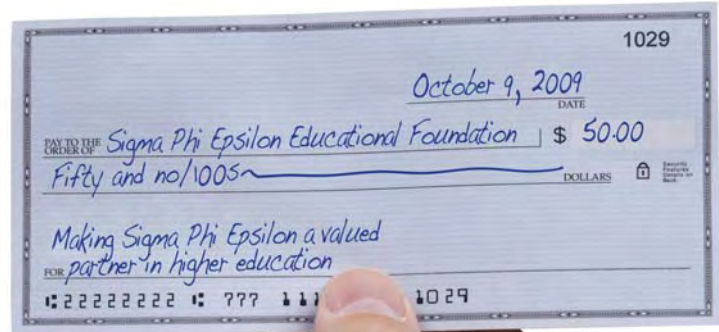
Russell S. Terry, Jr.

Alabama '09

Major: Chemistry & Biology

Fraternity Involvement: President

Campus Activities: SGA Judicial Board, Justice; IFC Recruitment Committee Co-Chair; University Standing Committee on Information Technology; University Standing Committee on Student Health; Blount Undergraduate Initiative; SGA Block Seating Committee; Alpha Epsilon Delta Premed Honor Society; Phi Eta Sigma; Alpha Lambda Delta; Order of Alpha; Golden Key; Sigma Alpha Lambda; Cardinal Key; Order of Omega; Mortar Board; Anderson Society; Phi Beta Kappa



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Award \$20,000 in scholarships this year

Send seven chapter officers to the 2010 Carlson Leadership Academy free of charge

Send two undergraduates to the 2011 Grand Chapter Conclave free of charge

This check could do a lot.

*(Now imagine what
\$1,000 could do.)*

The following is a partial listing of SigEps who have passed away in recent months. It is our chance to remember those brothers who, through their death, have reminded us that life is transitory.

Julio Aldecocea
Miami '84

F. Wayne Armstrong
Iowa '50

John Bentley
Carroll '64

Jerry Blessinger
Northern Colorado '60

Con Borsting
Oregon State '69

Wayne Bridgeman
San Diego State '76

Walter Carmo
Indiana of Pennsylvania '60

Adam Cook
Indiana State '93

James Cotter
Michigan '71

Christy D. "Chris" Dale Jr.
Florida State '50

Michael Debacker
Wichita State '72

Emmett Carl Dillard
Texas-Austin '44

William Dues
Kentucky '64

Lewis Deahl Frazier Jr.
William & Mary '81

Paul Gallo
Ball State '66

Andrew Gerke
Maine '08

J. Richard Gilger
Pennsylvania State '55

Robert "Bob" Heestand
Oregon '49

Dave Hendon
Florida '50

Gerald Jones
Mississippi '65

Stephen Klosen
Pennsylvania State '88

Conrad Lewane
Richmond '59

Lou Lewis
West Virginia '60

Howard Liebengood
Kansas State '39,

Benjamin M. Lowe
Washington & Lee '77

Sherman Orwig Lyon
Purdue '61

Irwin G. Mahr
Alabama '39

Michael Markham
Oregon State '68

Kenneth Mast
Illinois '41

Grady Matthews
Northern Colorado '60

Bruce McCarvel
Montana '76

Jack McClarty
Montana '60

Warren Gregory Millar III
Western Kentucky '95

Leo Naughton
Maryland-College Park '59

Nunzio Pollina
Florida Southern '60

Charles Henson Pulley
Ohio Wesleyan '39

David Rea
Miami (Ohio) '59

Marshall P. (Jack) Reeve
Kansas State '43

Ronald Schulte
Kansas State '70

Frederick G. Schwartz
Syracuse '52

Edward Eugene Sires
South Carolina '72

Dr. Loran Smith
Washburn Renaissance

Mark Soden
Wisconsin '38

Eugene Staehle
Cornell '49

John Sutherland
Florida '50

Steven Tolson
North Texas '76

Albert Keith Tirrell
Dartmouth '54

Andrew J. Triplett
Northern Iowa '99

William Tubbs
Missouri-Columbia '58

James P. Vellanti
West Chester '89

William Walter Davis & Elkins '62

John Weihing
Colorado State '42

Rohn Wenner
Lamar '83

Edward A. Zacharias
Richmond '52

Undergraduates

Todd J. Edwards
Texas Tech '10

Michael T. McCormick, Jr.
Pennsylvania State '12

Michael Zipse
Middle Tennessee State '12

Florida mourns loss of Hendon

Dave Hendon, Florida '50, passed away in May. This Order of the Golden Heart recipient was nothing short of legend to his chapter where he bestowed six decades of service.

Brother Hendon spent the majority of his life making Florida Alpha a better experience for everyone, and his love of the Fraternity centered on brotherhood.



"The best things about SigEp are the people and the friends."

In 1999, Hendon accepted his Distinguished Alumnus Award from then Grand President William G. Tragos, Washington in St. Louis '56.

Chapter holds funeral for dedicated brother

By **MIKE BLACKBURN**, Ohio Northern '93



Ohio Northern's Ohio Alpha Chapter lost a dear brother, friend, and father figure in February. Brother **Frank Lyons**, Ohio Northern, Renaissance, house cook and general "handyman" for about 30 years, passed away peacefully with brothers, family, and friends at his side. Lyons gave his numerous talents to so many at Ohio Alpha.

Recently, as he became ill, the constant giving Lyons had demonstrated for so many years was reciprocated by the undergraduate brothers within the chapter. No matter what he or his family needed, a brother was there to lend a hand. The outpouring of our three cardinal principles of Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love was on full display.

In a fitting tribute, the undergraduate brothers worked tirelessly over just a few days to put the chapter house in immaculate condition to host the viewing and funeral. The chapter held a viewing at the house for the family in February, with the funeral held there the following day. The chapter house was filled to capacity on both days. His family was deeply moved by the love and honor expressed by so many undergraduates and alumni. And Frank was where he loved to be. The Alumni and Volunteer Corporation and undergraduates took care of all arrangements and paid for all funeral expenses.

Frank will be missed dearly by all those he touched.

Leave your mark...

and wear your SigEp pride every day.

013R
Rope Chain
10K...\$125, SS...\$22
(Chain sold separately.)



L2647
Lavalier
10K...\$41, SS...\$24
(Chain sold separately.)



138
Pearl Sweetheart Pin
10K...\$92



2606
Badge Shape Pendant
10K...\$92



snake
Snake Chain
10K...\$95, SS...\$22
(Chain sold separately.)



805
Pearl Heart Pendant
10K...\$120
(Chain sold separately.)



135
Sweetheart Pin
10K...\$48



L2604
Heart Lavalier
10K...\$41, SS...\$24



3252
Official Ring
14K...\$448
10K, 10KW...\$348



3301
Official Ring
14K...\$424, 10K...\$364
Silverstone...\$259



1901
Brotherhood Ring
10K...\$188.50, SS...\$69



0322
Balanced Man Ring
14K...\$339, 10K...\$238
Silverstone*...\$118



100
Official Plain Badge
10K...\$74



104
Official Pearl Badge
10K...\$148



115
Large Crown Pearl Badge
10K...\$178



0075
President's Pearl Badge with three diamonds
10K...\$276



602
Enameled Crest Tie Tac
GP...\$19



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Balanced Man Cufflinks
14K...\$348, GF...\$78



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Order of the Golden Heart recipients gathered at the 51st Grand Chapter Conclave



Read more about this year's five recipients on page 23.

Buchanan cup awarded to 44 chapters

The Buchanan Cup Award was established in 1961 as the Chapter Leadership Cup to recognize outstanding chapters. In 1967, the award was re-named for Edwin T. Buchanan, Ohio State '11. "Buck," as he was affectionately known, served as Grand President from 1953 to 1955 and as Grand Treasurer from 1932 to 1967.

These 44 chapters are achieving greatness, consistent excellence over time. The average GPA for a Buchanan Cup chapter is 3.26, well above the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse threshold. The average manpower for these chapters is 97, over 70% larger than SigEp's average chapter size of 56. The Gold Cup recognizes five consecutive Buchanan Cup wins. If you are in one of these chapters, be role models. If you know these chapters, emulate them.

Gold

Bucknell
Dartmouth
Cincinnati
Illinois
Loyola Marymount
Miami (Florida)
Nebraska
Southeast Missouri State

Silver

Austin Peay State
Central Arkansas
Colorado
Davidson
Delaware
Drake
Florida
Georgetown
George Washington
Johns Hopkins
Kansas
Lehigh

Maine-Orono
Maryland-College Park
Memphis
Miami (Ohio)
Michigan
Minnesota
Morehead State
Murray State
Nebraska-Kearney
Ohio State
Oklahoma
Oklahoma State

Oregon State
Quinnipiac
Richmond
San Diego State
South Florida
Saint Louis
Stevens Tech
Texas Christian
Texas-Austin
Toledo
Washington in St. Louis
Yale



"Seeing-eye brothers" receive Honor of Philias

When Jeremy Poincenot, San Diego State '11, noticed his vision went blurry last year, he didn't know what to think. Maybe he needed glasses. Multiple tests later, he discovered he has a disease that makes him legally blind and unable to drive, read or recognize faces. Despite the shock, he returned to school. "I knew that I could go back to school because I knew all my friends would support me during this dramatic change in my life," he said.

And so it was.

Poincenot's San Diego State brothers **Josh Rousch '11**, **Eric Loya, '11**, and **K.J. Higgins, '12**, read his assignments to him, and they drove him where he needed to go. "My neighbor, fraternity brother, and best friend, Josh, registered for the same spring classes I did so he could help me find my way to and from classes, and connect with the professors and classmates whose faces I cannot see. Josh, along with my other 'seeing eye brothers,' have stepped up to support me in many ways, adapting to the needs of the visually impaired."

These three men, recognized with the Honor of Philias at the 2009 Grand Chapter Conclave, also started a charity called C.U.R.E., Cycling Under Reduced Eyesight, to generate financial support for research on Poincenot's condition, Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy. Poincenot recently completed a 250-mile bike ride from Santa Barbara to San Diego, raising \$2500 for C.U.R.E.



Poincenot, left, with his best friend, Josh Rousch